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EVERY ABLE-BODIED MAN OF MILITARY AGE BADLY NEEDED

Asquith Surveys Widening Theatre of War and Increasing Responsibility.

1,250,000 IN THE FIELD

Men Withdrawn From Gallipoli to Proceed to New Theatre of Operations.

London, Dec. 21. — Moving in the House of Commons this afternoon a new vote for an additional million men, Premier Asquith made a general survey of the ever-widening theatre of war and the increasing responsibility placed on this country for providing arms and men. Great Britain, he said, already has a fighting force in the various theatres of 1,250,000 men, and as the wastage is enormous, the country must aim at getting every man of military age who is physically qualified.

London, Dec. 21. — Premier Asquith made his long expected statement on the Allies' military position in the House of Commons today in connection with the introduction of a "supplementary estimate," providing for the raising of the numerical strength of the British army from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 men. The House was crowded and the premier's speech was listened to earnestly and silently. In the peers' gallery Lord Fisher, the former first sea lord, and Earl Derby, director of recruiting, occupied the most prominent position.

The prime minister, as usual, got to the heart of his subject in his opening sentence, and declared that although the British fighting forces in the various theatres now amount to more than 1,250,000 men, the war's demands were such as necessitated calling out the empire's "recruitable maximum."

Although the premier did not put himself on record as either for or against conscription, John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, at the close of Mr. Asquith's speech, flung a bombshell by declaring that the Nationalists would oppose conscription by every means in their power. And John Dillon followed with a severe arraignment of the British war leadership inquiring:

"What is the use of sending out more troops to be led by men like those responsible for the Suval bay and Anzac forts?"

The premier's statement of the need of the army for "every fit man," included a warm tribute to the overseas soldiers, and he took pains to mention particularly "the men eager to be attested who have made application from far distant places—Hong Kong, Rhodesia, California", adding:

"This has been a commentary on the lethargy of some of those here at home. No more splendid exhibition of patriotism and self-denial could be conceived, or one more calculated to carry conviction to the hearts of all our gallant allies."

Referring to the Derby scheme, Mr. Asquith said the report from Lord Derby had only been sent to him Monday evening, and was now being considered by the members of the cabinet.

Therefore, any statement regarding the government policy on this subject must be deferred. He indicated, however, that another chance would be given those who had not yet responded, saying:

"Those who have been disposed to hang back may now seize the opportunity set them by the mass of their fellow countrymen."

Turning to the military situation, the premier said that the retirement from the Dardanelles positions, with the notable exception of the position at the tip of the peninsula, had been taken on the advices of General Monro and Earl Kitchener.

"Spanking Rally" Effective.

James O'Grady, member of Parliament and a member of the joint recruiting committee, writes in the Daily Sketch regarding the progress of enlistment under Earl Derby's scheme.

Mr. O'Grady says the first week produced only 127 recruits. Matters slowly improved but even up to the end of November the response was not satisfactory.

"We therefore resolved," says he, "to bring off a spanking rally, as the result of which the figures jumped from 74,000 on one day to 336,000 on another, and during the last strenuous week 1,359,000 men enlisted, while during the whole nine weeks of the campaign some 2,500,000 attested."

Retirement Successful.

"The retirement," he continued, "was carried out by the navy and army combined in a manner for which no praise could be too profuse and which will give the service enduring fame in the annals of warfare.

"With the exception of ar elatively small proportion of the stores and a very few guns, which had to be left behind and which were destroyed, the whole force at both places was moved with perfect serenity.

"The total casualties—it seems al-

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GERMANS RESENT ACTS OF AMERICA

Therefore Settlement of Lusitania Case is Postponed.

TILL FEELING SUBSIDES

German Populace Resentful of Dismissal of Von Papen and Boy-Ed and Note to Austria on Sinking of Ancona.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Full settlement of the Lusitania case, including reparation for the lives of the American victims, which it became known today recently was near, has been postponed by the dismissal of the German naval and military attaches and the American demands on Austria-Hungary as a result of the sinking of the steamship Ancona.

Consideration of the state of public opinion in Germany because of these two acts of the American government, according to reliable information received here, has caused officials in Berlin to decide that such settlement as might be satisfactory to the United States would not now meet with popular approval in Germany.

An agreement, it was said, was practically reached soon after the American note to Great Britain, protesting against interference with neutral trade, had been published in Germany. The note, it is said, created a remarkable pro-American sentiment in Berlin, as well as throughout Germany.

But Tide Turned Again.

The withdrawal of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, according to advices here, caused German public opinion to swing back to resentment of the action of the United States, because the belief prevailed that the attaches had done nothing to warrant their removal.

The demands upon Austria and the vigorous terms in which the first note was couched next attracted adverse criticism in Germany, and the resentment, started by the request for the recalls, is described as having increased materially.

To recede even a trifle at this time, Berlin officials were said to believe, would bring on a storm of public disapproval, and furnish the opposition to the government with grounds for criticism. Officials now believe that at some time in the future, when public opinion again is more favorable to the United States, concessions may be made by Germany.

INDIA'S COTTON ACREAGE REDUCED ABOUT 25 PER CENT.

For Season of 1915-1916, According to Government Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 21.—India's cotton acreage for the 1915-16 season is only three quarters of what it was in the 1914-15 season. American Consul Smith at Calcutta has sent to the State Department the India government's second forecast showing the area to be 16,253,000 acres against 22,152,000 acres last season. The decrease is attributed chiefly to the low prices obtained for cotton last season. The crop is reported to be on the whole fair to good.

ZWIEDINEK WANTS AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT

Austro-Hungarian Charge is Conferring With Lansing.

Hopes to Successfully Follow Example of Von Bernstorff in Bringing an Amicable Settlement About in Arabic Case.

Washington, Dec. 21. — Pending receipt of Austria-Hungary's reply to the second American note, regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, Baron Erich Zwiedinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, is conducting, or forming a basis to conduct, informed negotiations with Secretary Lansing, looking toward an amicable settlement of the controversy. An intimation to that effect was received at the State Department today after the charge had conferred at some length with the Secretary.

It is understood Baron Zweidinek is attempting negotiations similar to those conducted by Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, following the sinking of the steamship Arabic. It is considered improbable, however, that such negotiations can develop to an important stage until receipt of the next formal communication from Austria-Hungary, which is expected some time within the next week.

Neither Secretary Lansing nor Baron Zwiedinek would discuss their conference today, it having been agreed that beyond allowing it to be known that the Ancona case was under discussion, the matter should be regarded as confidential.

Word of the receipt in Vienna of the second American note had not been received at the State Department tonight. However, the communication was started over the cables Sunday afternoon to Ambassador Penfield. Normally 36 hours is sufficient for a diplomatic cable to reach Vienna, consequently Ambassador Penfield should have received the note some time today, and it should reach the minister for foreign affairs tomorrow.

HOUSE IS GOING TO EUROPE FOR WILSON

Trip Will in No Way be Peace Mission, He Declares.

TO [illegible] RIGHT SOON

[illegible]'s Confidential Adviser to Deliver Certain American Ambassadors Information Regarding Attitude of U. S.

New York, Dec. 21.—Col. E. M. House, confidential advisor of President Wilson, stated late today that he will shortly sail for Europe at the request of the President. Colonel House declared the sole purpose of his trip would be to deliver to certain American ambassadors information regarding this government's attitude on various international matters now pending. He denied emphatically that his trip will in any way be a peace mission.

Colonel House said he expected to sail from here within the next two weeks and probably would be in Europe about six or eight weeks.

"I am going to Europe at the request of the President and the Secretary of State for the purpose of taking information to some of our ambassadors," he said, "in order that they may have a more intimate knowledge of this government's attitude regarding certain phases of international questions and in order to obtain from them their point of view on these matters.

"It is not advisable to bring home at this time any of our ambassadors from the belligerent countries. It has been found impossible to convey or obtain by cable or correspondence quite the correct atmosphere.

QUESTIONS VERY DELICATE.

Lansing Declines to Add Anything to Col. House's Statement.

Washington, Dec. 21. — Secretary Lansing tonight declined to add anything to the announcement by Colonel House that he was going to Europe at the request of the President and the Secretary of State

From other official sources, however, came the intimation that the international questions which Colonel House is to take up with American ambassadors at the capitals of belligerent powers were of such an extremely delicate nature that they could not be discussed. It was suggested that Colonel House's statement should be taken at its face value, and questions as to whether he would make informal inquiries concerning the prospects of peace elicited no response.

Colonel House, who is the President's close friend and adviser, made an extended tour of European capitals last spring and talked with high government officials of Germany, France and England. There was much speculation at the time as to the object of the trip and the circulation of various reports caused the colonel to deny that he acted as the personal representative of President Wilson or had gone on a mission of peace. He said he traveled as a private citizen.

Later, he conferred with the President and was understood to have given him a comprehensive review of the state of opinion abroad as he observed it. What he reported never was revealed, but it is known that his picture of the situation did not alter the President's belief that the time then was not ripe for any step from Washington toward initiating a peace movement.

CORPORATION COMMISSIONERS CALLED BACK TO WASHINGTON

Intimated That Agreement With Railroads May be Reached.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—Members of the Corporation Commission returned to Washington tonight, being summoned back to the National Capital for a special conference with officials of the Southern Railway with a view to reaching an agreement on an adjustment of the revision of the freight rates into southeastern territory under the direction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

When in Washington last week Chairman Travis, of the Commission, filed a protest against the new schedule that the railroad companies had filed that the commissioner claimed involved objectionable raises in rates especially as they affected rates from North Carolina points to such southeastern distributing points as Atlanta and Birmingham.

It has been intimated to the commissioners by the railroad authorities that it might be possible for the differences to be adjusted so that the Interstate Commission can proceed with the adoption of a revised tariff such as the commission requires in conformity with "long and short haul conditions."

TEN BILLION MARK CREDIT ADOPTED BY THE REICHSTAG

Only the Nineteen Socialist Votes Cast Against It.

London, Dec. 21.—The Reichstag today adopted the credit of 10,000,000,000 marks added by the government, the socialist minority of 19 opposing the vote, according to a Berlin dispatch forwarded by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam.

The socialist spokesman, Friedrich August Karl Geyer, according to the dispatch, declared that all endeavors for peace had failed because of the annexation aims of both sidts.

Berlin, Dec. 21., via London Dec. 22. —the ministry of war announced that after six months of diplomatic negotiations, France has agreed to allow a neutral commission to visit prison camps in Algiers, Tunis and Morocco and that six Swiss commissioners are now on their way to Africa.

TO SIGN BASEBALL PEACE PACT TODAY

Practically All Conditions Agreed to Last Night.

EXCEPT MINOR DETAILS

Matters Yet Hanging Fire Concerning International League—Committees Representing the Two Sides Hold Sessions.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21. — With the exception of the matter concerning the International League, all conditions that will go into the peace treaty between the Federal League and organized baseball were agreed to here tonight.

Attorneys have been instructed to draw up the necessary papers, which will be signed tomorrow, following the threshing out of what was said to be only small details on the International League proposition.

That the final treaty of peace will be signed tomorrow appears certain, inasmuch as it was officially stated that a number of International League matters had been gone into and decided upon favorably, and that those which remained would cause little trouble in the conference tomorrow.

The meeting lasted until almost midnight, and at its conclusion the above facts were announced with the additional information that none of the conditions would be given out officially until the final signing of the treaty.

Unofficially, but authoritatively, it was made known that the agreement will make possible the purchase of the Chicago Nationals by Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, and of the St. Louis Americans by Phil Ball, of St. Louis.

Some of Conditions.

Other conditions, according to semi-official information, as learned tonight, were:

That the Federal League would assume and carry out all of its existing contracts with players.

That the Ward interests in all Federal League matters would be reimbursed to the extent of $400,000 paid in equal yearly installments for the next 20 years. They would be distributed among the sixteen clubs in the major leagues and would amount to approximately 01,200 a year to each.

That all contract "jumpers" would be restored to good standing in organized baseball.

At the meeting tonight the committee representing the minor leagues was taken into the general discussion. J. H. Farrell, Thomas Chivington and Edward Barrows composed this committee

The meeting will convene again at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS TO GET CHECKS FOR CHRISTMAS

Being Mailed Out From Trinity College—Fund Given by Duke.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 21. — From the offices of Trinity College is being mailed tonight the sum of $10,000 to the superannuated Methodist preachers of North Carolina. James B. Duke, multi-millionaire tobacco manufacturer, of New York, is the donator of the gift, and the college is making the distribution.

Superannuated preachers, their wives and widows and orphans of deceased preachers are the recipients of the gifts. The checks will reach them as Christmas gifts. The Duke fund matches dollar for dollar the fund appropriated by the churches for like purposes.

DUNN PRISON GUARDED BY 15 STATE TROOPS

To Prevent Escape of Men Who Fired Into Residence.

Friends of Alleged Blockaders Said to Have Threatened to Effect Release of Two Smiths—Quiet Prevailed Last Night.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young has returned from Dunn, Harnett county, where he arranged for a special military guard of 15 men to be on duty at the jail there until Thursday, when Bernice Smith and companion, Olden Smith, are to be tried for shooting into a residence and wounding Mrs. J. W. Stewart, as she was in bed asleep. The bullet grazed her forehead.

The occasion for the military guard is that there are threats on the part of friends of the Smiths that they will take the prisoners from jail and release them. General Young says that when he left Dunn there was every indication of quiet.

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 21.—Bernice and Olden Smith are in the guard house here awaiting hearing on charges of blockading and raising a row in the upper part of the township. The guard house is being guarded, as some think they have outside friends who might assist them in breaking jail, on account of their having broken out in Benson some time ago. All is quiet tonight and no further trouble is expected. There will be a trial before Recorder Wilson Thursday.

REPORTS CONFLICT AS TO WITHDRAWAL

Turko-German Sources Say British Losses Were Great.

TRIFLE, SAYS ASQUITH

Premier Says Three Men Wounded and a Few Worthless Guns Left—British Renew Submaring Activity.

London, Dec. 21.—The only additional details of the withdrawal of the British forces from the Gallipoli peninsula revealed from British sources today were those gleaned from Premier Asquith's speech in the house of commons in which he stated that the British losses were confined to three men wounded, a few guns abandoned after being rendered useless and an insignificant amount of stores which were left behind.

From Turco-German sources, however, several contradictory details reached London. The Constantinople communication gave the Turkish side of the withdrawal and it was somewhat amplified by a Constantinople dispatch circulated through the Berlin wireless.

Both these dispatches claimed enormous British losses on the Seddul Bahr front and the taking of an immeasurable amount of booty at Suvla and Anzac. From the Turkish account it appears that the retirement was aided by a heavy fog, while terrific British attacks from the Seddul Bahr position—which has not been abandoned—provided a feint diversion. Aside from the text of these dispatches, no fresh details have been published in London newspapers refrain from speculation regarding the manner of the withdrawal.

Submarine Activity Renewed.

There has been renewed British submarine activity in Turkish waters, Athens reporting that the British underwater boat has sunk the German steamer Leros and several other craft in the sea of Marmora. In addition the bombardment and capture of the Bulgarian port of Varna on the Black sea by a Russian fleet is reported in press dispatches.

The situation on the Greek front remains tranquil, although the greatest activity prevails in the allied camps and the port of Saloniki. The proposed entry of Bulgarians into Greece with a German army it at present the subjtct of diplomatic pour parlers in Athens and the Greek public is more keenly aroused over this matter than any phases of the situation which heretofore have theratened to precipitate a crisis. The results of the Greek elections are interpreted by the press a defeat for the government, it being declared that the returns show that nearly nine-tenths of the electorate followed the adherents of Venizelos in refusing to go to the polls.

Further Zeppelin Activity.

The possibility of further Zeppelin activity is agitating London as the result of the receipt of a telegram from Ameland, Holland, stating that at 12 o'clock noon today an airship passed over North Ameland bound in a westerly direction.

Scotland Yard tonight issued a note of warning to worshippers that if they desire to hold watch-night services they must take care to observe the orders regarding the shading of lights in the churches, as the possibility of attacks by hostile aircraft at this time of the year cannot be disregarded.

RUSSIANS TAKE VARNA.

Reported in Possession of Bulgaria's Chief Black Sea Port.

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Chronicle reports the capture of Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black sea port, by the Russians. It says the bombardment of the Russians silenced the Bulgarian guns and laid the town in ruins. The garrison suffered heavily. The Russians then, according to the report, landed infantry and artillery without loss and in sufficient force to hold the town against Bulgarian attack.

BRITISH LOST "ENORMOUSLY"

Turks Got Ammunition, Cannon and Tents as Result of Evacuation.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—(By wireless to Tuckerton)—Enormous quantities of ammunition, cannon and tents were taken by the Turks on the withdrawal of the British from the positions evacuated on the Gallipoli Peninsula, it was officially announced in the Turkish headquarters report dated December 20, received here today from Constantinople. In the British attacfi on the Seddul Bahr front, which preceded the withdrawal from the other sectors, the British suffered enormous losses, it is declared.

GERMAN STEAMER SUNK

Craft Destroyed by British Submarine in Sea of Mamora.

London, Dec. 21.—An Athens dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says a British submarine has sunk the German steamer Leros and other craft in the sea of Marmora.

The steamer Leros was owned by the Deutsche Levante Line, of Hamburg. She was of 2,679 tons and was last reported at Constantinople.

HOW LONG WILL WAR LAST?

Question Discussed by Hungarian Premier in House of Magnates.

Budapest, via London, Dec 21. — Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian premier, in the House of Magnates today, discussed the probable duration of the war. He said the length of the conflict depended upon those who started it.

"We will continue to fight until they cease their attacks upon our security, independence and national greatness," the premier said. "We will continue

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WANTS NAVY EQUAL TO MOST POWERFUL

Dewey's General Board Makes Its Annual Report.

NOT LATER THAN 1925

Report Discloses That Policy Was Formulated Last July—Programme for 1917 Also is Presented by Board.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The American navy should be "equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world" not later than 1925 in the opinion of the Navy General Board headed by Admiral Dewey.

The annual report of the board, made public tonight, discloses that this naval policy was formulated by the body in July last in answer to the following proposition propounded by Secretary Daniels when the Administration reached its decision to enter upon a campaign of national preparedness:

"What the navy must be in the future in order to stand upon an equality with the most efficient and most practically serviceable."

The board's conclusions follow:

"The navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation in the world. It should be gradually increased to this point by such a rate of development year by year, as may be permitted by the facilities of the country, but the limit above defined should be attained not later than 1925."

At the same time the board presented a building program for 1917 in compliance with the Secretary's request for "a program formulated in the most definite terms, planned for a consistent and progressive development of this great defensive arm of the nation."

Details of the board's reply are not revealed, as subsequently in October of this year, the Secretary asked the board to prepare "a building program for the navy that will continue over a period of five years with an expenditure of about $100,000,000 each year for five years on new construction only." The Administration plan for the construction of 16 capital ships within five years is founded on the board's answer.

At the same time the board again developed its idea of the place the American navy should hold in the world in the following language:

"The General Board believes that the course of the present war in Europe affords convincing reasons for modifying the opinion which it has expressed for the past 11 years as to the proper size of the navy. A navy in firm control of the seas from the outbreak of war is the prime essential to the defense of a country situated as is the United States bordering upon two great oceans. A navy strong enough only to defend our coast from actual invasion will not suffice. Defense from invasion is not the only function of the navy. It must protect our sea-borne commerce and drive that of the enemy from the sea. The best way to accomplish all these objects is to find and defeat the hostile fleet or any of its detachments at a distance from our

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FORD PARTY IS MAKING NO HEADWAY IN EUROPE

According to Correspondents of London Newspapers.

Norwegian Peace Party Will Have Nothing to Do With Expedition. People Consider Ford as an Idealist Dreamer.

London, Dec. 22.—The Norwegian peace party declines to have anything to do with the Ford peace expedition, according to dispatches to the London morning papers, as long as Mme. Rosali Schwimmer is connected with the movement. Some of the dispatches state that a demand has been made for her expulsion, declaring that it is impossible to give the movement a neutral appearance while a Hungarian woman is an active member directing operations.

The Times' Christiania correspondent says the main impression made on the Norwegian public is that Ford is an idealist dreamer, whose honesty and unselfishness are beyond a question while some of his followers certainly fail to give that attractive impression.

A dispatch to the Mail from Christiania states that the managers of the mission announced today that the Ford party would start for Stockholm Thursday. Mme. Schwimmer, the dispatch says, has sent out invitations to a hundred prominent business men, bankers and others of Christiania to attend receptions and other functions at the Grand hotel.

"This attempt to stir up a semblance of interest in the mission met with no success," the dispatch declares. "The only thing the people want is to see the man who is willing to spend $20,000,000 to end the war, but Ford remains in hiding. Fifteen members of Ford's traveling office staff are to be sent back to the United States tomorrow.

"The latest scheme to end the war is said to be that Mr. Ford is to approach armament makers in the belligerent countries and by offering them orders

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PROMOTION AWAITS CAPTORS OF VILLA WANTED EVEN DEAD

Carranza Troops Form Cordon to Prevent Escape to the American Boundary.

300 IN RIOT AT JUAREZ.

Former Villa Soldiers Famished Reach Border City and Make Trouble There.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 21. — Advices received here tonight say a cordon of Carranza soldiers has been stretched over the territory north of Chihuahua City, where General Francisco Villa was last heard from, in an effort to prevent his escape to the United States. This information was contained in official dispatches to Carranza military headquarters in Nuevo Laredo, and, it was said, the troops of the de facto government have been given to understand that Villa was wanted, "dead or alive," and that his arrest would mean material promotion for the men participating in his capture.

If the former revolutionary leader is taken alive, he will be held for a court martial, in which General Carranza personally will take part.

Official announcement also was made tonight that Carranza forces had not as yet entered the city of Chihuahua, but that the formal surrender of the city was expected momentarily and plans had been made for a conference there between General Carranza and General Alvaro Obregon. General Obregon was said tonight to be en route from Guaymas to Juarez.

DEADLY RIOT IN JUAREZ

Former Soldiers of Villa, Famished, Engage in Looting.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 21.—Three hundred Mexicans, former soldiers of Francisco Villa, rioted at Juarez, opposite here, this afernoon and before order was restored, one man had been killed, and according to reports, a number of Mexicans lost their lives.

The Villa soldiers who reached Juarez today from the interior, were in a desperate condition for lack of food. Being months in arrears in pay and learning the de facto government was in possession of the town, they at once began looting. Reports tonight from Juarez were that order had finally been restored.

Troops Line Border.

Heavily armed Mexican and American troops lined opposite banks of the Rio Grande tonight. One shot from the Mexican side believed by the United States military authorities to have been fired at American troops, killed G. A. Diepert, of El Paso, a railroad brakeman.

Shortly afterwards two Mexicans were shot at the Mexican end of the Santa Fe bridge, by Mexican customs guards. Reports of fatalities in Juarez varied tonight from two to ten.

Tonight, it was stated at the Carranza consulate that the generals in Juarez who had turned the town over to the Carranza government had gained control and were in conference upon the election of a military leader to take full charge and appoint a paymaster to pay the soldiers. Unofficial reports from Juarez were that if an attempt was made to pay off in Carranza currency rioting was sure to be resumed.

The Villa soldiers upon their arrival refused to accept the surrender to the de facto government, arranged yesterday, until the agreement was signed by General Manuel Ochoa.

Several Americans Robbed.

An international street car was attacked and passengers, including several Americans, robber. Stores and saloons were looted.

During the afternoon an emissary reached Mexican consul Garcia with the information that General Ochoa had promised to sign the agreement to surrender and turn his men over to the de facto government, but tonight this formality had not been consummated.

American owners of several hundred thoroughbreds quartered at the Juarez Jockey Club hastily crossed to the United States during the rioting.

During the afternoon the report gained currency in Juarez that General Francisco Villa would reach there today, but early tonight he had not put in an appearance. Andreas G. Garcia, Mexican consul, announced that Villa had been located at the Bostillo ranch, west of Chihuahua City, that he would not come to the border, and that he intended to continue opposition to the de facto government.

An order issued by El Paso police tonight forbade Americans cross the river to Juarez.

WASHINGTON NOT WORRIED

Rioting Not Expected to Affect General Situation.

Washington, Dec. 21—Rioting among the Villa soldiers at Juarez is regarded by the State Department that will not affect the general situation in Northern Mexico, where the de facto government rapidly is extending its authority over the territory formerly held by Villa. Reports from Juarez tonight indicated that the Carranza authorities would suppress disorder among the soldiers without serious difficulty.

General Villa's whereabouts still are unkonwn here. The State Department's latest reports are conflicting. One is that when he left Chihuahua with his 400 men he moved northward. Another says that he turned towards the South. Confidence in the assurance of Villa's agents that he will come into the United States and the fact that his wife has left El Paso for the

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CIVIL WAR HISTORY OF STATE SEEMS ASSURED

Announcement Made That $30,000 for Work is in Sight.

Special Committee of Confederate Veterans Holds Meeting in Raleigh. Governor Grants Christmas Pardons.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—The special committee named at the recent annual meeting of the North Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans, here to perfect the plans and raise the funds for having an authentic history of North Carolina's part in the Civil War, written, was in special session here this afternoon and members of the committee are enthusiastic over the outlook for an early successful termination of the effort.

The committee is planning to raise $25,000 to $30,000, this amount to be expended in engaging the best equipped historian in the State for the work and providing him with an ample corps of clerks and research workers to make the work complete in every way.

The committee consists of R. H. Ricks, Rocky Mount; A. H. Boyden, Salisbury; General James I. Metts, Wilmington; W. L. London, Pittsboro, and Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State. The committee has not yet made public its plans, but it is understood that there will be an immediate appeal especially to the wealthier Confederate Veterans and other citizens of the State, for personal contributions to this fund and the utmost confidence is expressed in the early completion of the fund to a point where the work on the history can begin.

This is the historical work for which President D. H. Hill, of the A. & M. College, has been prominently mentioned, as has also Col. J. Bryan Grimes and others. It is a work that it is understood will require at least three or four years.

The $30,000 Assured.

After the session of the committee this afternoon, Chairman R. H. Ricks gave out the statement that the committee has the $30,000 practically in sight and will proceed at once with the organization for the writing of the history of North Carolina in the Civil War. To that end the committee directed the State Historical Commission to take up at once with Dr. D. H. Hill, president of A. & M. College, the matter of inducing him to take charge of the work.

Indeed, it is understood that Dr. Hill has already indicated his willingness to accept the commission and the State Historical Commission is now preparing the contract under which the work will be organized with Dr. Hill in charge. It is generally conceded that the work will be such that it will be necessary for at least a leave of absence for a period of years from the duties of the presidency of the college to be obtained, if, indeed, it does not become necessary for him to resign from the college entirely. This is a matter that will be worked out later.

Case of Remarkable Features.

Governor Craig announced today the pardon of Banks Bass, Alamance county, a case that has a number of remarkable features. The prisoner, a young white man, was sentenced in 1911 to two years on the Alamance roads for breaking into a store. He served two months and escaped, going to South Carolina where he led an exemplary life and married, having now several children. About four months ago he was located in South Carolina, and he, with his wife and children, came voluntarily to this State, surrendering voluntarily to the Alamance authorities and being sent to the chain gang where he has served for four months. The governor says:

"He professes repentance and I think that he has brought forth fruits meet for repentance. His pardon is recommended by Solicitor Gattis, who prosecuted, endorsed by Judge Daniels, who tried the case, by A. L. Baker, whose goods were stolen, by a large number of representative citizens of Alamance county. It seems that he was induced to commit the larceny by an older and experienced criminal."

Six Christmas Pardons

Governor Craig granted a batch of six pardons today that come under the classification of "Christmas Pardons." A number of others are likely to be announced before the holidays.

Sidney Lane, Wilson county, is pardoned from the remainder of a two year's sentence for eloping with a married woman, having served since October, 1914. The Governor explains that is prisoner is a young and ignorant fellow who seems not have been the authorof the elopement and that the woman has returned and is living with her husband. The trial judge and many others recommend the pardon.

N. L. Glenn, Forsyth county, who has served since February, 1906, a 14 years sentence (six and eight years in two cases) for criminal relations with girls under 14 years of age. Pardoned especially on recommendation of Solicitor Graves, who represents to that Governor that Glenn's health is very bad and that a parole pardon exacting good behavior might be the best disposition of the case. The Governor adds that it has been presented to him that the girls in the case may not have been of age and character that really justified the conviction.

Nogan Sapp, Guilford county, pardoned from the remainder of eight years' sentence in Guilford county, for assault with deadly weapon. The Governor explains that Sapp was only 16 years when sentenced. This pardon is recommended by Judge Bynum, Colonel Morehead and others.

Della Lowe, Cabarrus county, is pardoned from the remainder of three years sentence for assault with deadly weapon, because the trial judge now writes that he things the sentence was too harsh and the pardon is asked by a large number of prominent citizens. He says the trouble grew of a domestic trouble in which the man assaulted figured to some extent and that the prisoner and his wife have become reconciled.

Sidney Autry, Caldwell county, who has served since February on a 12 months' sentence for abandonment, is pardoned because: "With credit for good behavior, his sentence has almost been served and there is serious contention that he had some grounds for deserting his wife."

C. J. CHENWORTH ASSISTANT TO THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

E. B. Hillegrass Engineer of Roadway of the Atlantic Coast Line

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 21.—Announcement has been made here of the appointment of C. J. Chenworth, engineer of roadway, assistant to the third vice-president of the Atlantic Coast line railway. E. B. Hillegrass, of Rocky Mount, N. C., succeeds Mr. Chenworth as engineer of roadway.

GERMAN PAPERS SILENT.

Concerning Declaration That Taxes Must be Increased.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 21.—The morning newspapers today generally refrain from commenting on the announcement of Dr. Karl Helfferich, the secretary of the imperial treasury, in the Reichstag yesterday, that taxes must be increased. The exceptions include the Taeglische Rundschau, which welcomes Dr. Helfferich's frank statement.

It says the patriotism of the German people, which already has stood great sacrifices, will bear the unavoidable future burden in the first years of peace and adds that it is plain that an increase in indirect taxes must come which will affect a wide circle of the people but that the necessaries of life will be exempted "so far as is possible."

Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 21.—Four of the men convicted in the Terre Haute election conspiracy cases were released from the United States penitentiary here today on parole. Those released were Joseph Strauss, Arthur Gillis, John Masselink and Maurice Walsh. All were serving sentences of one year and one day.

WANTS NAVY EQUAL TO MOST POWERFUL

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coast sufficiently great to prevent interruption of our normal course of national life. The current war has shown that a navy of the size recommended by this board in previous years can no longer be considered as adequate to the defensive needs of the United States. Our present navy is not sufficient to give due weight to the diplomatic remonstrances of the United States in peace nor to enforce its policies in war."

The report lays stress upon the board's proposal that seven of the '6 new ships, four super-dreadnaughts and three battle cruisers, be authorized in 1916. Secretary Daniels has recommended to Congress, however, that only two dreadnaughts and two battle bruisers be authorized at this time. Under the board's plan the total expenditure for the five years including $7,000,000 for the aviation service and $11,000,000 for reserve ammunition and material would be $499,876,000, the last appropriations for which would be made in 1922; the Secretary's recommendations call for a total expenditure of $562,482,214, the last appropriations shown being for 19.1, and increases being made over the board's estimates for submarines and reserve ammunition. The board program contemplates the building of 13 fleet auxiliaries while the Secretary recommends only six.

The board highly commends the proposal to establish a continuing building policy for the navy, saying it will stabilize the warship building industry in the country and tend to reduce contract prices for new ships.

The board reviews the course of the European war so far as it involved naval actions, to reach this conclusion:

"As to types of ships, the battleship is still the principal reliance of navies, as it has been in the past."

Because of the great naval superiority of the Entente Allies, the report says, their control of the seas has never been seriously challenged and "they have securely held the objective of all naval effort." Naval warfare has been confined, by reason of this superiority, it states, to "a double series of minor incidents." In the first group it places German commerce raiders "which have finally been destroyed or driven from the seas by systematic pursuit," and in the second, the activities of German submarines, first against allied warships, where the "high score obtained" is asserted to have been due to surprise attack, not to "inherent combatant superiority," and second, against commercial vessels of the Allies. Of this campaign the report says:

"After six months of war the submarine form of attack drew renewed attention by its direction against hostile commerce. American public attention was redoubled toward this side of the war owing to the humanitarian interests involved, and to the diplomatic questions which were raised thereby. To hastily formed public opinion, it seemed that submarines were accomplishing great military results because little else of importance occurred in the maritime war to attract public attention. Yet at the present time, when the Allies have learned in great measure how to protect their commerce, as they learned a few months previously to protect their navies from the submarine menace, it is apparent that the submarine is not an instrument fitted to dominate naval warfare. It appears from British returns that the firse eight months of this submarine warfare against British commerce resulted in the loss of 183 merchant vessels and 175 trawlers. The total British merchant tonnage lost was not greatly in excess of one-half a million; the total loss under all flags was about 650,000 tons. In the same time the total arrivals and departures in British ports averaged from 1,350 to 1,400 per week, or nearly 50,000 in all. Allied commerce is continuing under a loss in no way vital.

"The submarine is a most useful auxiliary, whose importance will no doubt increase, but at present there is no evidence that it will become supreme."

The report discusses at length the need and mission of battle cruisers and other fast ships for scouting work but warns against an exaggerated value being placed upon the battle cruisers. It then takes up the question of personnel and finds that any smaller force than 2,700 officers, 67,000 bluejackets and 13,400 marines would be inadequate for the navy in 1917 even on a peace footing. The ships then in commission and the shore stations would need a minimum of 74,700 bluejackets, it states, in time of war.

Turning to the question of congested lower grades which confront navy officers under the present system, the board urges that Congress establish the number of officers in any grade on the basis of the total number of officers in the navy and not by providing for a fixed number in each grade except the lower ones. Additional legislation should be sought, it says, to secure a proper flow of promotion for all officers or the efficiency of the service generally will suffer.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED

Coroner's Jury Charges Them Afterwards With Murder.

Eastman, Ga., Dec. 21.—A coroner's jury which investigated the robbery and murder of A. B. Batchellor, a white merchant, here Sunday night, which resulted in Samuel Bland and Willie Stewart, negroes, being lynched here last night, returned a verdict tonight charging the negroes with the crime. No investigation of the lynching had been started as far as could be learned.

The bodies of the two negroes were cut down late today.

WOODROW WILSON SOLDIERS' HOME DEDICATED AT BERNE

Expression of Friendship Between Two Countries Exchanged.

Berne, via Paris, Dec. 21.—The dedication of the Woodrow Wilson Soldiers' Home took place this afternoon. A number of Americans from Berne and elsewhere in Switzerland attended and representatives of the Swiss army and government also were present.

Pleasant A. Stovall, the American minister, in his presentation address, said all Americans living in Switzerland admired Swiss patriotism and unity, which could be a lesson for many other countries. Colonel Windbolz, commander of the third army division, expressed the thanks of the Swiss army for the gift of the home, which, he said, was valuable testimony to Switzerland of the friendship of her powerful American sister republic and would the name of Woodrow Wilson unforgettable forever in Switzerland.

The Wilson home will be transported shortly to the Swiss aviators' quarters at Duebendorf, near Zurich.

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that Lieutenant-General Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the general staff, had been recalled from France to become chief of the staff at army headquarters in place of Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Murray, who was about to receive an important command.

Paris, December 21.—For the first time in months raw sugar No. 3(white, was not on the bourse today, the government believing the last prices quoted, 81 to 82 francs per hundred kilograms, were too high. The minister of commerce said if it did not fall to normal—75 francs—he would requisition sugar at this price and close the bourse.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Any in France may send a Christmas parcel weighing up to two pounds to a soldier at the front without paying postage on the package. A bill conferring this privilege which holds good from date until January 6th, was unanimously passed by parliament today. Letters are always carried free.

London, Dec. 21.—The Irish party held a meeting in the house of commons today, John Redmond presiding, and affirmed its unshaken adherence to the resolution adopted June 7, opposing compulsory military service.

London, Dec. 22.—Sarah Bernhardt is reported to be dying, according to a dispatch from Paris to the Telegraph.

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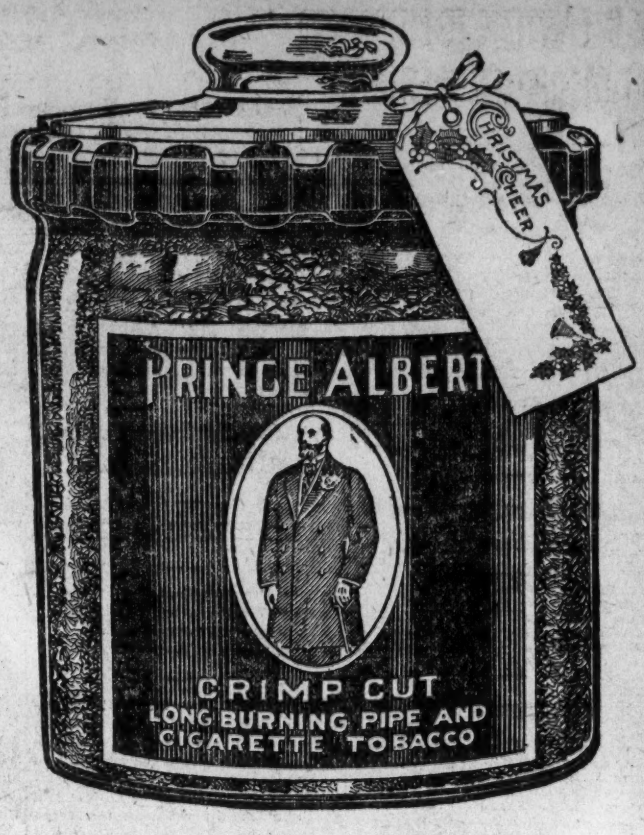
TO WED KITCHENER?—REPORT DENIED.

Countess of Minto.

The report from London that the Countess of Minto is to be the bride of Lord Kitchener has been denied by close friends of the Earl. He has been a bachelor despite the fact that he might have made a selection from among the most beautiful in England. Lady Minto, who is more than forty years of age, is the widow of Lord Minto, once governor general of Canada and later viceroy of India. She holds the highest position in English society.



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N. C. LAWYERS TO MEET AT OLD POINT COMFORT

Bar Association to Hold Annual Convention June 27-29

Decision Reached by Executive Committee Yesterday—Argument of Noted Warren-Christy Case Before Supreme Court.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—The 1916 session of the North Carolina Bar Association will be held at Old Point Comfort on June 27, 28 and 29. This agreement was reached by the executive committee in special session here today. Members of the committee explained that for a number of years the association has been alternating its meetings between the mountain and seashore resorts of North Carolina and that they felt that a change to an entirely new place of meeting next year would be generally acceptable to the members of the association.

At the meeting today agreement was reached as to the speakers who will be invited to take part in the programme, but these will not be announced until those invited have signified their acceptance. The members of the executive committee here for the meeting today were President Harry Skinner, Greenville; Vice Presidents J. W. Pless, Marion, and R. H. Sykes, Durham; Secretary-Treasurer T. W. Davis, Wilmington; D. L. Ward, Newbern; A. W. Cook, Greensboro; A. B. Andrews, Raleigh; H. L. Stevens, Warsaw; A. A. Hicks, Oxford.

Warren-Christy Case Argued.

The Supreme Court heard the argument today in the noted case of State vs. Samuel P. Christy and Ida Ball Warren, from Winston-Salem, in which the defendants are under death sentence for the murder of G. J. Warren, husband of the condemned woman, the case for the State being presented by Attorney General T. W. Bickett and that for the two defendants by former Judge E. B. Jones for Mrs. Warren and by Fred M. Parrish for Christy. This is the case growing out of the "Muddy Creek murder mystery" of Winston-Salem, the murder of Warren having been July 18 and the mutilated body found in Muddy Creek on July 25, but no evidence under which arrests could be made found until the following March, when evidence developed that brought about the arrest and conviction of the Warren woman and Christy for first degree murder and of Clifford Stonestreet, son-in-law of the woman, for second degree murder as accessory before the fact.

Counsel for the Warren woman and Christy argued an array of exceptions taken during trial on account of alleged errors by the trial judge in passing on admission of evidence and as to charge to the jury. It was especially insisted by Judge Jones that there should have been a separation of the evidence and a summing up of it as it applied to each of the defendants, by Judge Lane, who tried the case. He insisted that he meant no reflection on the trial judge in enlarging on errors but that it was a most difficult case and the trial judge did the best he could, but that he felt that his client was entitled to a new trial.

Mr. Parrish, for Christy, stressed the "third degree" through which Christy was put by the Forsyth officers while being brought from Texas and insisted that the trial judge should have charged the jury more carefully in regard to the admissions of Christy and should have instructed the jury that if they believed the statement by Christy, then he was not actually present at the time the homicide was committed and that there should be no conviction for first degree murder; that Christy merely procured chloroform which was not used and then carried the body away after the killing.

In rounding up the case for the State, Attorney General Bickett contended that the case, having been carefully tried by a humane judge and 12 North Carolina men whose instincts and traditions would cause them to resolve every doubt in favor of a woman's life, and they having felt compelled to return verdicts that mean death for cold blooded, preconceived and determined murder, there is not one mitigating or extenuating fact, and unless capital punishment is to be entirely done away with in North Carolina the judgment of the court below ought not to be disturbed.

AUCTIONEERS NARROWLY ESCAPE.

Automobile Turns Over Between Wilmington and Newbern.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 21.—While en route from Wilmington to Newbern a few days ago, George T. Penny, C. E. Thomas, H. T. Hartman and J. R. Thomas, auctioneers for the American Realty Company, of Greensboro, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury when the car in which they were riding skidded and turned over about eight miles from Newbern.

The auctioneers had on the day before held a sale at Hallsboro and had gone to Wilmington, expecting to catch a train out of that city for Newbern from which place they were to go to a point in Pamlico county to conduct a sale. They failed to catch this train and were forced to hire two automobiles in order to make the hundred-mile trip.

All went well until at a point eight miles from this city when one of the cars, in passing over a bridge, struck one end of it, turned over and precipitated the occupants to the ground. Fortunately none of them were seriously hurt and they were able to go on to Pamlico county where they conducted a sale that day.

WILL REBUILD AT NEWBERN.

Norfolk Southern Shops to be Larger and More Elaborate.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 21.—It is now an assured fact that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company will rebuild their local shops which were destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. There has been some doubt of this fact, but this has now been dispelled. Contractors here have received the plans for the new building and a force of men are now engaged in clearing away a site for the new building and as soon as this has been done, the actual work of construction will begin. The plans for the new shops show that they will be larger and more elaborate than ever before.

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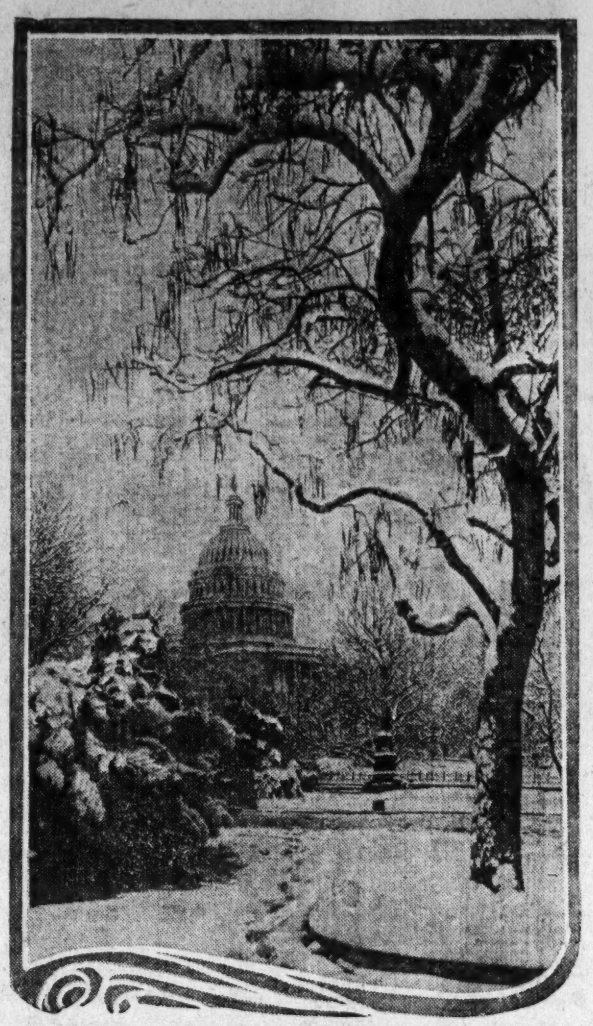

An interesting view of the Capitol, taken just after the recent severe storm.

ATHLETIC POLICY OUTLINED FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY

At Meeting of the Athletic Committee at Chapel Hill.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 21.—At the close of the meeting of the Athletic Committee Saturday night those present reached substantial agreement on the following policies:

"Resolved, That alumni coaching be adopted as soon and as completely as alumni can be found to take charge of the coaching; that, if possible, a general director of athletics be secured, of the highest type of ability and personality, who shall have administrative charge of all athletics, and membership in the faculty; that under his leadership especial emphasis be laid on the general participation in athletics and outdoor sports as an essential part of education; that encouragement and facilities be provided for the whole student body to play games; that the highest standards of sportsmanship be steadily insisted on, not only in theory, but in every details of practice; that the insistence of the faculty on creditable scholastic standards for athletes be endorsed, and the support of the alumni urged in maintaining these standards at all times; that competent instruction be provided for every branch of sport; and that the development of high school athletics be encouraged by the alumni in cooperation with the alumni of other colleges, entirely apart from the consideration of where the students expect to attend college; and that the alumni may co-operate heartily and fully with the authorities in putting these principles into full practice, future meetings, such as this, to be called for consultation."

The committee also expressed its desire to promote progress in athletics in the State and in the South through cooperating in every possible way with other colleges, and encouraging confidences and friendliness in all athletic relations.

This athletic committee, which met at Chapel Hill Saturday night for the purpose of discussing the future athletic policies of the University, includes eight representatives from the alumni of the University, eight from the faculty, and six student representatives (including president of Athletic Association, managers of track, football, baseball, and basketball teams, and editor of the Tar Heel). While definite plans and names were informally talked over in connection with football coaching for next year, it was not within the purpose or authority of the meeting to determine who to coach should be, but rather to lay plans for athletic development along large constructive lines. The selection of coaches rests with the Athletic Council which is composed of Dr. Charles S. Mangum, of the faculty; Albert L. Cox, of the alumni, and Charles T. Woolen, graduate manager.

DR. PERSON HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A. C. L. MONEY.

Wants Court to Order Attorney to Pay Over $5,000 Damages Awarded.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 21.—Dr. Thomas Person, through his attorney, Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, appeared before Judge Bond in the Superior court Monday and asked for an order requiring Attorney John E. Woodard to pay into court the sum of $5,000 alleged to have been received by Mr. Woodard from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company in settlement of the claim of Dr. Person for damages received at the wreck at Contentnea Creek in 1913.

In the complaint, Dr. Person alleges that Attorney Woodard has not accounted for the money with the exception of $1,000 claimed as attorney's fee. In his answer Mr. Woodard states that he has invested $3,700 of the amount in mortgages secured by real estate, and applied $1,000 as his attorney's fee and also claims $300 for services rendered Dr. Person, who went to the Woodard home after leaving the hospital and received care and nursing. e further states that Dr. Person sent for his son, W. K. Person, and that the board of W. K. Person during the time he remained amounted to $180. He claims this amount should be paid to him.

Judge Bond ruled that he could not proceed in the matter without a trial unless the amount due Dr. Person by Attorney Woodard be first agreed upon.

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(Advertisement.)

TWO BELK STORES CHARTERED.

Wilmington and Raleigh Concerns Incorporated—Other Charters.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—Two branch Belk store corporations, connected with the big Belk department store corporation of Charlotte, have been chartered, one for Wilmington and the other for Raleigh. The Wilmington corporation is the Belk-Williams Company, capital $100,000 authorized and $36,000 subscribed for a general department store business. The incorporators are W. H. Belk, Charlotte, and J. M. Belk, Monroe, 110 shares each; J. C. Williams, Wilmington, 20 shares; B. F. Matthews and G. H. McDonald, Charlotte, 10 shares each.

The Raleigh corporation is the Hudson-Belk Company, capital $100,000 authorized and $24,000 subscribed by W. H. Belk, Charlotte, and J. M. Belk, Monroe, 60 shares each; K. G. Hudson, Raleigh, 30 shares; J. W. Hudson, 20 shares, Grier Hudson, 10 shares.

Another charter is to the Carolina Spar & Mica Co., of Forbes, Yancey county, capital $50,000 authorized and $10,000 subscribed by Chas. W. Tway, of Atlanta, and others for general mining and development business.

The Southern Enamel Paint Co., of Wilmington, is chartered with $25,000 authorized and $3,000 subscribed by J. T. Tucker and others.

College Head at Forty.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur will assume the presidency of Leland Stanford Junior University at Palo Alto, Cal., Jan. 1, and will then be one of the youngest men to occupy such an important post. He was born in Boonesville, Ia., April 13, 1875, and removed to California when a boy. After graduating from Riverside High School he entered Stanford, where he received his baccalaureate degree in 1896, taking the master's degree the following year. In 1899 he took his diploma from Cooper College, in San Francisco, which has since become the School of Medicine under Stanford University, with Dr. Wilbur as the dean for the past five years. As president he succeeds Dr. John Caspar Branner, who has served two years in that capacity.

Horse Meat To Be Sold in New York

BOARD OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES THAT OLD HORSES WILL BE FATTENED AND KILLED FOR FOOD INSTEAD OF THROWN AWAY

New York, Dec. 21.—Sale of horse meat for food will be permitted in New York after January 1, the board of health announced today. Commenting upon the revocation of the section of the sanitary code which prohibited the use of horse flesh, Commissioner Emerson announced that while the health department does not exactly recommend it, no harm can be seen in its use.

"The horse never has tuberculosis and almost never communicates a malignant disease to human beings," he said. "Hereafter, old horses, instead of being sold for their bones, which are worth little or nothing, will be fattened and disposed of for meat."

Dr. Emerson announced that special precaution would be taken to prevent the sale of horse flesh in the guise of veal or beef.

REPORT IS "SCANDALOUS AND UNTRUE" SAYS MAYOR PRESTON

Baltimore Governing Board Protests Against Vice Report.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—Mayor James H. Preston and the board of estimate, the governing board of the city, at their regular meeting today protested against the report of the vice commission alleging bad moral conditions in Baltimore, made public yesterday.

"No such conditions exist," said the mayor. "As a general picture of Baltimore life and as a picture of the moral conditions in Baltimore, the report is scandalous and untrue."

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 21.—The coast guard cutter, Pamlico, Captain J. C. Cantwell in command, arrived in port yesterday afternoon after a rather perilous cruise in Pamlico Sound and its tributaries. The cutter was in the sound during the severe gale which swept this section on Friday night and buffeted one of the wrost gales of the season.

HAZING NOT CAUSE OF CADET SWEET'S DEATH, BOARD DECIDES

V. M. I. Board of Visitors Finds Death Due to Natural Cause.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 21.—The death of Thurber Sweet, cadet at Virginia Military Institute and son of a Chicago millionaire, was not due to hazing, the institute's board of visitors decided today. Nothing to justify the belief that young Sweet was hazed at the institute was found during the board's investigation, it was announced, and several physicians testified that death was due to myelitis, an affection of the spine which is not caused by rough treatment.

Four Washington & Lee University students told the board that Sweet showed them wounds the day he left the institute which he claimed were caused by blows from broom sticks and bayonets wielded by upper class men. The vote of the board was unanimous.

HOW TO GET RID OF CHRONIC DANDRUFF

The only sure way to get permanently rid of either oily or dry dandruff is to remove the conditions that cause it and then keep the hair and scalp in a permanent, clean, healthy, vigorous state so dandruff will never return. This beats shampoos or head washes which merely drive away dandruff for a few days at most. R. R. Bellamy and a number of other better druggists in this vicinity are now strongly recommending a harmless, inexpensive and quick acting preparation called Parisian Sage that they say is guaranteed to act directly on the cause of dandruff and which already has become known far and wide as a safe and efficient treatment which cannot possibly injure hair or scalp.

Here is a test worth trying. Get a package of Parisian Sage. Rub a little of it into the scalp with the finger tips and see for yourself how the dandruff disappears, the hair stops falling out, the itching vanishes, and a new and vigorously healthy appearance comes over the hair. Good looking hair is half the battle in any man or woman's personal appearance and nothing hurts the hair more than dandruff. Try a little Parisian Sage and begin at once to be rid of it.

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Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver, clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it is pleasant tasting and doesn't gripe or cramp or make them sick.

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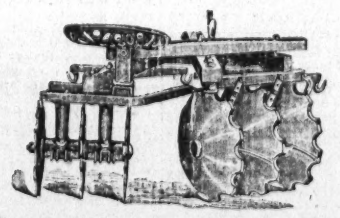

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TOP O' THE MORNING

There was a time when you had high ideals, holy ambitions, sincere faith. Today you are drifting. Drifting is the result of lack of effort to hold oneself in the way or to stem the tide. Wo do not realize the extent of our drifting until we look back to the place where once we were moored and safe.

—CHAPMAN.

Men who command big salaries have no desire to command an army.

"None but the brave deserve the fair," and none butt the brave, for fear.

We can not make this a strong government unless the people give their consent.

We often wonder if Teddy remembers what kind of a foreign policy he had himself.

The pacifists wish to restore peace but nobody will let the pacifists have a bit of peace.

We hope everybody will have the thrilling experience of a happy, prosperous new year.

We have more or less descended or ascended from our ancestors, and so it is with the whole Adam family.

The Republicans have disfranchised the colored man so far as his equal rights in the National convention are concerned.

Teddy keeps coming in with his conversation, but President Wilson refuses to let on like he hears any noise at Oyster Bay.

Mr. Henry Ford is no particular friend of ours, but it is stated that he has 30 editors on his peace ship, so it is presumed that he has at least 30 friends that he can depend upon.

Financial statisticians now state that the United States has one-fourth the world's supply of gold. Editors cannot possibly vouch for it, but they are prepared to state of their own knowledge that this country has all the world put out of business on nickels.

We know how a war begins but never know how it will end. The triumphs of war are won by terrible sacrifices but defeat has both its sacrifices and its humiliation. War is a bad thing for both the victors and the vanquished, and yet men refuse to do the one thing that will prevent war—compromise. The final results of all wars could be just as well secured by compromise—if men would compromise. They don't.

A woman makes this inquiry of a magazine: "Should a man lie around the house?" We are not expected to answer that question, but it is one to which we have given earnest consideration when it was necessary to come to a quick conclusion on account of the immediacy of the occasion. We refrain from saying that it is right to lie around the house, but when a man is cornered he thinks it is just as justifiable to lie around the house as to do his lying down town.

We are the people. We people in a collective sense are our own uncle—our Uncle Sam. If we are our own uncle and yet do not stand up to Uncle Sam, we go back on ourselves. If we can stand it, Uncle Sam can, for if anything should happen to Uncle Sam, it is we who shall have gotten it in the neck. By reverse ratio, we are Uncle Sam while our old Uncle is simply the whole American push. Logically, therefore, if we are mollycoddles, boobs, boneheads and saps, Uncle Sam naturally would typify what we are—a cross between an innocent by-stander and a fellow who never knows it's loaded. We'll have to decide among ourselves whether we are the worthy descendants of a splendid ancestry or whether we are the degenerate posterity of ancestors who would deny it if they could only come back.

A BARBER WITH IDEAS TOOK A RISE.

Nebraska City has a barber who was a journeyman tonsorial artist two years ago, but meanwhile he made himself a likable man to men whom he shaved. He was one of your talking barbers, as a matter of course, but he was always talking about public matters, discussing the needs of the city and the public, and while doing so he declared what he would do if it were up to him as the man in authority. He had opinions of his own and was always expressing them as any other citizen does. However, the barber struck a lot of his fellow citizens as a level-headed, earnest, and courageous man with convictions.

The barber's name was Henry Katzenstein, but he had no idea that the people of his city were going to take him seriously. However, some of his friends wanted to compliment him or play a joke on him, so they just put him in nomination for a city commissionership. Nebraska City has a commission form of government, and three commissioners were to be elected. Under the election law, the three candidates who get the highest vote are declared elected, and by the same law the commissioner who gets more votes than the other two becomes mayor and ex-officio commissioner of the police department.

Katzenstein let his friends run him but it is said that no one was more astonished than he when the election returns showed that he was not only elected a commissioner but had received the largest number of votes. That made him mayor and chief of police. He went from the barber's chair to the mayor's desk, and he is liable to become celebrated, not so much because of the fact that Nebraska City has a barber for mayor but because the administration he is giving is what the city has needed and for which reason the people are standing back of him and the press of America is noting the remarkable things he is accomplishing.

Mayor Katzenstein is no longer a joke. He was always known throughout the city as a "good fellow," because he believed in personal liberty and went out occasionally and took a drink with his friends. That made him popular with the saloon element, but when the barber got to be mayor he realized the responsibility had come to him. He knew that the laws had to be enforced and that he had duties to perform. He had often said in the barber shop what he would do if he had the authority, so when he got the authority he began to do what he had said he would do. He had often kicked about the neglect of public improvements and he had often said what he would do in that particular if he were mayor. Well, he is now mayor and he is going ahead and doing it. Commerce and Finance publishes an account of the barber's career and we get some interesting particulars from that publication.

Not a foot of paving had been laid in Nabraska City in 20 years. It was a Missouri Valley mud hole. He built 40 blocks of brick and concrete pavement and 9,000 square yards of sidewalk. There were bitter protests from many taxpayers. There were more when he established a swimming pool for youngsters in the city park.

In Nebraska City the mayor is chief of police. The barber-mayor was apalled when he discovered how many men were arrested for intoxication. He determined to remedy conditions. Today the saloons are open only from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. on week days. No one is permitted in them, not even to clean-up, on Sundays. He permits no curtains. The bar and the whole interior must be in plain view. Anyone passing can see anyone who is drinking.

The mayor has the power, under a state law and a city ordinance, to issue what is called a "shut-off" order against a man who is an habitual drunkard. It had become a dead letter. The barber revived it. The first saloonkeeper who disregarded the order was penalized so heavily that not one in the city dares ignore it now. Thus far he has issued 260 "shut-off" edicts. The names of the 260 are on file in every saloon and, in the window of every barroom, is this sign:

"If you are shut off, keep out of here."

The former town bully got drunk regularly. The mayor put him on the "shut-off" list. The bully threatened to beat his head off. The mayor invited him to begin at once. The man thought better of it and has not taken a drink in six months.

Henry, the barber, does not believe in arresting a man for being drunk. Under his rule the police, if they find a man staggering in the street, grasp him by the shoulder and pilot him home. If the sting of his humiliation does not bring the person to his senses the mayor adds the drinker's name to the "shut-off" list.

He plays no favorites. One of his oldest friends was posted by him six months ago. Loafing in front of saloons is not tolerated. The police have orders to disperse any such congregation and to use their clubs if they think the case warrants it.

Nebraska City never was so clean, so peaceful and so law abiding as it is today. The barber whose nomination was a joke is the most absolute boss and the best administrator the municipality has ever had. The liquor vote elected him. Now the best people of the town are his warmest admirers. He still takes a glass of beer occasionally. He says he isn't a reformer or a crusaders but so long as he is mayor he is going to live up to what he preached when he was lathering and shaving customers and when Nesbraska City does not want him as mayor he says he will return to his trade.

This is simply an illustration of what responsibility makes out of the right man. Office is a public trust and when a trustworthy man holds one he realizes his duty to the public and is faithful to his trust. If he is intelligent, courageous, public spirited and progressive, he will succeed. Those who play politics may succeed a while but they soon play out, but, despite criticism and opposition, a man who goes right a head and does what he knows is his duty, achieves real success.

NEW YORK'S FREIGHT EMBARGO

The New York World justly complains that an embargo has been put upon New York's export commerce. The World uses that word "put" and it says that an embargo in one case extends even to domestic freight and another to coal and food. Exports are being diverted from New York by the railroads, but the secret of it perhaps is that New York is doing more commerce than it is prepared to do. The commerce of the metropolis is terrific, while the steamship people explain the congestion by saying there is a car famine, and the railroad men talk of a dearth of ships. In any event, all the terminals are glutted with freights.

The World rather thinks it is a deeper trouble in the shape of a "terminal famine," or antiquated water and rail terminals that impose needless delay and costly lighterage upon shipments. There is a lot of truth in that. A world port which is not provided with modern terminals and loading and unloading devices, not only has to carry on commerce at a disadvantage in cost but in time as well. Commerce is bound to be diverted to the ports with the best facilities.

It is mentioned that the weather during the winter is one of the drawbacks to New York's commerce, but there would be no such drawback in the commerce of Wilmington if it could only get a share of the commerce that is being diverted to other ports because it has overrun the commercial preparedness of New York.

PROTECTION FOR PEDESTRIANS

In small cities it is the custom to cross a street anywhere, and it is a common thing to see people cut across the street, sometimes straight across and sometimes diagonally. Crossing like that is called "the farmer's cut," and it has been customary because pedestrians could afford to take the risk where the passing of vehicles was few and far between. However, when a small place begins to develop into a city the danger to pedestrians greatly increases. Automobiles and vehicles of all kinds, including trucks and drays, are constantly passing and the street is their right of way by law, with restrictions on speed and penalties for the negligence of chauffeurs, drivers, etc. The sidewalks are the right of way for pedestrians and once upon a time they used to get up howls when even the bicyclists used to be haughty and claim rights to the pavements. The bikers used to hire lawyers and "fight the case," but they lost out and finally acquiesced in the idea that a bicycle was a vehicle and not a pedestrian.

It is even more necessary to get it into the nuts of pedestrians that they are no vehicle and have the same rights as an automobile or dray to the center of the street. They have a right to cross the right of way of the vehicles but they have to do it at their own risk where there is no traffic regulation, or at street corners under restrictions named in traffic ordinances. These traffic laws and regulations are passed in the interest of pedestrians mainly, but the vehicle traffic also has its rights and they are not to be detained and retarded by pedestrians who have long lived the life of autocrats in the democratic village of yore. Their rights are now limited by law and it is chiefly for their own good. The law must minimize the possibility that they may be run over and crushed to death or be maimed for life. Safe guards are thrown around the pedestrian for their own good, hence the Raleigh Times has this to say with reference to the traffic regulations at the State capital:

"The Times is not surprised to learn that the progressive action taken by the Department of Public Safety in establishing certain zones at street intersections which pedestrians may not cross diagonally has been resented by a few more or less contentious individuals. The wonder is, not that the innovation has met with some opposition as that it has been so generally accepted. Habit is always a dear vice which laziness is slow to give up. When a general habit yields easily to suggestion it is proof positively that it has no shadow of defense. On every conceivable count the policeman on post at Fayetteville and Martin and Fayetteville and Hargett streets are doing a work which facilitates traffic and tends to prevent accident. There are other crossing in Raleigh which should be similarly policed, and we hope will be. It is true that streets in general are dedicated to the public use, but the manner in which they may be used is one within the reasonable discretion of the municipality. To require of the citizens inclined to treat a crowded street as a place in which to take an aimless ramble, that he walk at right angles and do not loiter on his way is a regulation in the more liberal rather than restricted exercise of the use. To contend otherwise is merely to overlook the truth that the greater freedom of action is only obtainable by its restraint in the minor particular. Chief of Police Koonce has in several respects changed a doubt into confidence. There is no way in which he can better justify his appointment than by continuing the efforts to facilitate and safeguard the traffic and pedestrianism on the streets."

Raleigh's traffic regulations give us the impression that there is something doing in the streets of that city. The day has passed when Tom, Dick and Harry could shoot across the street and get off at it. Ordinances have been passed for their safety and the laws on street cars and vehicles are strict for the reason that they furnish the danger. Since the middle of the street traffic has certain rights, not to be interfered with, it is not fair to hold them responsible for injuries to pesertians who contribute to their own injury by their carelessness, negligence and heedlessness.

Street carriers and vehicles are liable for damages on account of injuries to persons, but it must be proved that they contribute the negligence and hence are responsible. If they can prove that the injured party is guilty of contributory negligence, the street car, the automobile or other vehicle which happens to run over some one, cannot be held responsible. In fact, where people cross the streets where they have no right to cross, or violate the traffic ordinances, it is prima facie evidence of their own negligence.

It is very important, therefore, for pedestrians to be inside the law, or have the law on their side, by obeying it, if they are to have much of a showing in court. The taffic laws are not intended to interfere with their privilege, but to protect them in their rights. Even so, pedestrians are the last people in the world who ought to object to traffic regulations. They ought to demand them at points where traffic is especially heavy and the dangers are greatest. When a crowded city has no traffic regulations, it is guilty of negligence itself.

MONEY FARMING.

When a man demonstrates what he can do on an acre of land in the way of farming, it is natural for other people to believe that they can do the same. They can if they know how, and the rule today is that when a farmer does not know how he wants to learn. It really is necessary for him to learn how, hence there are people who want to know how Mr. L. H. Caldwell, of Lumberton, harvested a good crop of oats and 112 bushels of Irish potatoes off of one acre of land this season. Mr. Caldwell's experience on his farm in Robeson county is attracting widespread interest, as we may well judge from the following reference in the Lumberton Robesonian:

"In a recent issue of The Robesonian the fact was mentioned that the editor of the Southern Ruralist, published at Atlanta, had written Mr. L. H. Caldwell asking him to write an article for his paper telling about how he grew 112 bushels of Irish potatoes after oats on one acre. A news item in regard to Mr. Caldwell's growing the potatoes was published in The Robesonian and copied by papers far and wide. Today Mr. J. W. Scott, agricultural agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Co. came to Lumberton to talk to Mr. Caldwell about how he planted and cultivated the potatoes, etc. Mr. Scott is greatly interested in the potato industry and says that this industry should be profitable for the farmers of this section, owing to the fact that two crops can be grown each year. He says that the farmers of the South are in fine shape, and the South generally is in good condition. He also added that business is getting better in every way."

It is a good sign that Southern farmers desire to make progress, and that there are farm journals which appreciate the importance of Mr. Caldwell's achievement. Mr. Caldwell has done a bit of money farming and when he tells how it is done, it will be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to the South. He reaped certain good values himself, but his double crop also was valuable to somebody else—indeed, to the South.

The railroad people who are promoting agriculture and prosperity also desire to know the best way to do it, and that is to get such concrete examples as that of Lumberton's enterprising merchant farmer. Heretofore not enough importance has been attached to big things done on the farm, but the South is waking up and wants to get the benefit of great achievements so that progress can be made along a similar line.

We live and learn, but if we don't learn much we can't live so very high. The idea now is to learn all we can, and it is a valuable part of our education to learn how to make the largest possible profit on an acre of land at the least amount of cost and labor.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BOLTON.

To the Editor of The Star:

Wish you would make a little correction in your paper of a few days ago in regard to the masquerade ball given at Bolton last Friday night. Mr. H. A. Webber, of Wilmington, who was invited and had a fine time, was called upon to make all announcements, also was honored with the privilege of introducing Mr. Clark, who in a very nice little talk, presented Mr. Carpenter, and not Mr. GeBot, as the article read a few days ago, with a very handsome Elk pin. I will also mention that the people at Bolton know how to have an entertainment. The different costumes were handsome. Everything was represented—Wilmington, Charlotte and even New York could not have beat it! Mr. Webber was asked to auction off 12 boxes containing nice things. The boxes brought $65.50, which is to go towards giving the children of Bolton, rich and poor of Bolton, a Christmas tree on the night of the 22nd. Two hundred and some dollars have been subscribed besides this for this good cause. Every child will be given a substantial present besides confections, nuts, fruits, etc. They sure do things proper at Bolton. Mr. Klinger, his good lady and daughter, run a hotel that you would have to go a long way to find its equal. I never met a cleverer set of people anywhere. They can't do enough for you. I was told that Wilmington had a chance to get that large plant, the Waccamaw Lumber Co., one time and let it slip them. It's such plants and such people that Wilmington needs. I hope that Bolton will some time in the near future pull off another such an entertainment and will write me, for I will certainly come and help to eat the lunch that the ladies prepare, for it was some lunch and some party. H. A. WEBBER.

WINTER FLIES

Do Your Next Summer's Fly Swatting Now.

(State Board of Health).

"Now's the time to do a lot of your next summer's fly swatting," says Edward J. Hatch, chairman of the American Fly Fighting Committee. According to Mr. Hatch, the coming of the cold weather has driven the flies into the house and under cover. Most of last summer's flies have completed their life cycle and are dead, but those hatched late have laid their eggs in favorable places for incubation when our houses are heated up this winter or with the first warm days next spring. However, if we will use all due vigilance to swat every stray fly that appears from time to time about the house this winter we will very materially reduce the next summer's hordes.

"Don't think a fly is dead because he is lying around stiff with cold," says Mr. Hatch. "He is just playing 'possum" and willl revive and retire to his hiding place as soon as he is warm. Swat him, or better still, if there are a number of them sweep them up and consign them to the furnace or kitchen stove. Make it hot for them now or they will turn the trick next summer."

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Presbyterians of the State are beginning to take proper notice of the opportunities for good in the Barium Springs Orphanage and their duty by that institution. The recent donation of $15,000 by Dr. James Sprunt and Mr. William H. Sprunt of Wilmington, whereby a well-appointed infirmary will be added to the equipment in the spring is an instance in point. The Barium Springs Orphanage, after a long season of attention less adequate than its merits have demanded, is now in a fair way to become a benefaction entirely worthy the hand and the heart of the Presbyterians of North Carolina. —Charlotte Observer.

From among the cards signed at the express office this week may be selected possibly 500 names that are not to be found in the directory of Charlotte, or of any other city, for that matter. There are hundreds of patriots who love whiskey better than they do common honor and who do not hesitate at false pretense and forgery in order to get as much of it—not as they want, but as much of it as possible. It is not an uncommen thing for the head of a Rooseveltian colored family to make liberal use of the abundance of names he legally carries in stock, while some white men do not hesitate to order in any name they can frame up or appropriate. The quart law in North Carolina is doing a fine work in making it difficult to obtain a supply, but at the same time it is productive of a tremendous amount of rascality of the lowest sort.—Charlotte Observer.

Pan toting is getting to be very unpopular in Georgia. Prohibition ordinances have been adopted by several cities to eliminate it, and it may be that this prohibition really is prohibiting. Dawson is the latest Georgia city to get after the pan toter, as the other day Mayor J. M. Bell signed an ordinance that "it shall be unlawful for any cook, servant or employe to carry from the dwelling or residence or premises of his or her employer any basket, tin pan or plate, or any other pan, plate or vessel, filled with foodstuffs or provisions of any description whatever, without first having obtained the written permission of his or her employer." That appears to be comprehensive, and so an old custom, honored through many years, is passing, although there still is many a servant who thinks it is perfectly proper to carry home to the "chillun and the ol' man" enough "rations" to last until the next evening. Some of the Christmas turkey, a big heap of rice, three or four yams, a dozen biscuits, some meal for a corn pone, and maybe a big chunk of butter—such a heap of provisions often has been "toted" from the "white folks' yard" to make the home coming of "mammy" a most welcome one. But times have changed, and pan toting must exist only in memory. A new order of things requires that what people eat they must earn, whether they are white or colored; housewives are keeping a closer watch on the family larder. No doubt it is because they have begun to realize what an enormous amout of food may be carried away by a pan-toting cook in the course of a year, that they have asked the aid of the police in some Georgia cities to put an end to the practice. The housewife who can end it unaided so far as her kitchen is concerned is unusual, because for "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" the heathen Chinee is no more "peculiar" than the pan-toter when she is determined to smuggle a panload out of the house for her folks at home.—Savannah News.

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GARAGE BURNED IN AN EARLY MORNING FIRE

Nineteen Automobiles Destroyed by the Flames.

Lassiter-McDuffie Company Have Building Gutted by Blaze—Other Structures Threatened—Loss is About $30,000.

Fire of undetermined origin burned 19 automobiles, gutted the garage of Lassiter-McDuffie Company, No. 114 North Second street, damaged the adjoining property considerably and seriously threatened an entire block of buildings in the heart of the Wilmington business section yesterday morning about 5 o'clock. The blaze started in the automobile repair shop of Messrs. Leo Little and Arthur Newkirk, which is located in the rear of the garage, and the total loss is in the neighborhood of $30,000, only partially covered by insurance.

The heavy snow that had just fallen made it difficult to fight the flames but the firemen under direction of Fire Chief Schnibben soon had two streams going from Second street and also two from Third, but it required several hours of hard work to extinguish the flames. That the loss was not much greater is due to the heroic efforts of a detail of eight gallant members of the coast guard cutter Seminole, in command of Lieut. J. F. Farley, who removed the 35 or more automobiles, which were stored in the garage.

The firemen had their hands full to fight the flames and did splendid work and are responsible for keeping the damage from being much larger. There were 12 machines on the second floor of the building in the repair shop of Mr. E. H. Schulken, which were completely destroyed, while there were six automobiles in the repair shop of Messrs. Little and Newkirk. Mr. C. C. Hopkins, who had an automobile paint shop on the second floor of the building, had an automobile burned.

Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., owner of the building, estimates his loss at approximately $8,000, practically all covered by insurance. His garage, adjoining the building on the south side was also damaged considerably in the rear while the plant of the Wilmington Stamp & Printing Company on the north side of the building suffered a loss of between $1,500 and $2,000 on account of the blaze in the rear and the water and smoke. This loss is covered by insurance.

Lassiter-McDuffie Company had several machines and practically all their stock and fixtures burned. The estimate their loss at approximately $5,000, partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Schulken had his automobile burned and all his fixtures, entailing a loss of between $1,500 and $2,000 with no insurance. Messrs. Little and Newkirk lost all their fixtures and stock including an automobile, and estimate their loss at about $1,800, with no insurance. Mr. C. C. Hopkins had his machine burned and all his fixtures, his loss being about $500. A stable on the Evans property and also one owned by Dr. W. C. Galloway in the rear of the garage were badly damaged.

Mr. MacMillan will immediately rebuild the garage and will extend it in the rear. All of the walls except in the rear are in good shape and will not be rebuilt but the entire roof was destroyed. Messrs. C. W. Lassiter and N. O. McDuffie will conduct their business in Mr. MacMillan's garage until their present structure can be repaired. There will be ample storage room for all cars.

Messrs. Little and Newkirk, who are connected with the Cannon Motor Company, Nos. 14 and 16 Market street, had been planning for some time to remove their repair shop to this location and expect to continue their business there.

Mr. E. H. Schulken will until he can secure another location, conduct his business at MacMillan's garage.

The fire was first discovered by Mr. Fred Little, of the Wilmington Stamp & Printing Company, who had come down to his office about 5 o'clock to make a special inventory of some articles. He heard the roar of the flames, but was not at first able to tell what it was. He turned on the lights in the building and after some investigation found that there was a fire in the rear. He telephoned the fire department and the firemen were soon on the scene.

About the same time Mr. L. D. Marshburn, who was on night duty at MacMillan's garage, next south of the burning building, also discovered the fire and tried to turn in an alarm from box No. 211, but owing to the heavy snow, the wires were out of fix and the alarm failed to go in. He then telephoned to the department.

When the firemen arrived on the scene the flames had gained considerable headway in the building in the rear, which was a one-story metal sheathed structure, and had already begun burning the rear of the garage while the woodwork of the Wilmington Stamp & Printing Co., in the rear was in a blaze. Owing to the snow and slippery condition of the streets, there was some delay in getting the hose connections.

The firemen did splendid work and to them is due the credit for saving many thousands of dollars worth of property. They stayed on the job until after 9 o'clock when finally the flames were all extinguished. Practically all the automobiles had gasoline in them and they burned quickly, creating an intense heat, and it was hard to get the flames quenched, although many thousands of gallons of water were thrown on the burning mass of machinery.

The members of the coast guard cutter after they had worked bravely in getting the automobiles out of the burning building, offered their hands to do anything they could in assisting the firemen and they were given unstinted praise yesterday for their work as were the firemen, who worked against such great odds.

After the fire was out, the fire fighters were given a sumptuous breakfast at the home of Mrs. C. M. Weathers, No. 117 North Third street, and this they were in a position to appreciate as they had been working for four hours steadily.

The fire while burning fiercely inside the garage was kept down to such an extent that one from the outside could hardly tell that there had been a fire. The burned structure will be rebuilt on a larger and bigger scale and while those who had cars burned have suffered a big loss, they realize that it cannot be helped now.

The automobiles burned were in the shops undergoing repairs and were the property of different citizens of the city. The machines and their owners were as follows: J. D. Brown, Maxwell;

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WILMINGTON HAD SNOWY DAY

Record Depth Fell for December at This Place—Damage Incident to Storm Was Small.

The deepest snow that has ever fallen in Wilmington at this time of the year was recorded here Monday night, when Observer Felger recorded 7 1-2 inches for December 20th and 21st, 1915. The nearest approach to this for December weather during the past 45 years was 4.4 inches on December 23rd, 1870. This, however, is only the December record, and there has been many heavier snows here later on in the winter. The record is held by the 12.1 inches of snow that fell continuously for 24 hours on February 17th and 18th, 1896. Within the fresh memory of the residents of Wilmington, on February 9th and 10th, 1912, a little less than four years ago, snow fell to a depth of 9.8 inches.

Wilmington, although unaccustomed to deep snows, paid little attention to it yesterday. The stores were all filled with shoppers. The efficient corps of employes of the Tidewater Power Company had stayed awake all through the night and kept their lines in order and saw to it that everything was in splendid order and the car schedules were unbroken all day yesterday. The city schools had good attendance and, with the exception that they were turned out a little earlier than usual, followed their usual routine. The street department made a rapid search of the city for dangerous broken trees and limbs, and cleared them of snow. There was a lot of slop on the streets throughout the day, but melting stopped about night and soon the ice and snow that remained was dry and travel on the streets was not near so unpleasant as through the day.

The snow storm was entirely unexpected to the local weather bureau, as it was entirely a coastal affair, with its northern extremities about Hatteras Bar, and the southern extremities a little south of Savannah, Ga., not reaching quite to Florida. The Sunday night advices from Washington indicated that Monday and Tuesday would be fair and pleasant, which was much to be desired by the Christmas shoppers. Monday morning broke rather raw and the clouds looked threatening. A drizzling rain started during the day, but then the weather man was still of the opinion that there would only be occasional showers. He put up a storm flag in the early evening and advised that the sleet that was mixed with the slow rain would all turn to rain, but instead, it turned to snow about nightfall. The snow continued to fall all night, stopping shortly before day yesterday morning.

The officials of the Tidewater Power Company realized early in the night that there was a big job on hand for them and took hold of the matter in dead earnest. Mr. A. B. Skelding, general manager, called The Star and asked that a warning of the danger from fallen wires be published in the morning issue for the benefit of the people before they left their homes, then he, together with Superintendent Townsend, Linemen Hawkins and Croom, Shop Foreman Voshall, Assistant General Manager Raymond Hunt, Superintendent of Transportation Baird, Assistant Superintendent of Transportation Watts and Claim Agent Gillette, kept the wires and tracks well cleared from accumulated snow, so that there was no serious accidents. Falling wires in different sections of the city caused a good deal of trouble, but of only small importance. There were about 20 trouble calls.

The fire alarm system was put out of order by the storm, Superintendent G. T. Williamson being ill. The system was back in order, however, early in the afternoon.

Superintendent John J. Furlong of the street department, with the assistance of nearly all members of the department, had about all danger from falling limbs cleared, and spent the afternoon washing away snow from the congested districts. There was little left in the business section of Front street last night.

There were 250 students at the Hemenway school yesterday, and about the same number at the Union and the High School. None of the schools, however, had a full attendance.

The sky was clear last night and today it is predicted that the temperature will be below the freezing point.

DORVA-DeLEON TONIGHT.

Delightful Programme Expected in Lyceum Number at Brigade.

The Dorva-DeLeon Company appearing tonight in the Boys' Brigade auditorium at Second and Church streets on the Lyceum course, is expected to present a most novel and delightful entertainment. The company of four uses the following numerous instruments: Violin, viola, mandolin, banjaurine, guitar, lyre, mandolin-banjo, lute, piano and novelties. In addition, Mme. Dorva is an operatic soprano, possessing a voice of remarkable range; Mr. Lockhart is accompanist and pianologuist; Miss Beattie is reader, and Prof. DeLeon presents various instrumental novelties. The entertainment will indeed be a holiday number, and will doubtless be attended by a full house. Single admission seats may be secured at Munson's today, where the reserved seat sale is on, until 6 o'clock this afternoon. All season ticket holders must present tickets when reserving their seats.

BRIGADE BASKETBALL.

Thursday Instead of Friday Night This Week—Last Game.

The last basketball games scheduled to be played in the first series of the Friday Night League at the Boys' Brigade have, on account of Friday being Christmas Eve, been moved up from Friday night to Thursday night of this week. The first game will begin tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock. The first game will be between the Braves and Dodgers, and the second between the Seminoles and Reds. These teams are putting up a fine class of this popular winter sport, and unless the weather is very cold, there will probably be a good crowd of fans out to see the windup of the first series. The new rules are now being used and the game is made faster and more scientific by the use of the new regulations.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

Report of Bungalow Contest as Compiled Last Night—Dec. 21st.

The following is the standing of the contestants in the Sorosis Bungalow contest as handed to The Star for publication last night: Edwina Dewey, first; Rosalie Jacobi, second; Emily Jewett, third; Helen Carroll, fourth; Elizabeth P. Stevenson, fifth; Elizabeth Parsley, sixth; Mary B. Williams, seventh; Emerson D. Bine, eighth; Willie M. Jones, ninth; Margaret Raines, tenth; Blanche Bolles and Katherine Carr, tied for 11th; Doris Plummer and Bena Yates, tied for 12th; Margaret Elliott and others, 13th.

ANOTHER CARGO EXPORTED

Cotton Steamer Cleared Yesterday for Havre, France, Making 11th This Season

Alexander Sprunt & Son, cotton exporter, with the sailing yesterday of the British steamer Eliston, have exported 11 cargoes of cotton this season.

The Eliston carried a cargo of 12,025 bales of cotton, valued at $842,000, and is consigned to Havre, France. She is of 1,834 tons, and is in charge of Captain Niven. While there is no steamer expected within the next few days, there will be several in the near future.

The total cotton receipts at this port, for this season, up to Monday, were 152,734 bales, against 79,774 bales on the same date last year. This shows that there has been nearly twice as much cotton exported from Wilmington this year than was last year, however there is not near so much being received as at this time last year, the gain being in the early part of the season. The price is much better this year than last.

The clearing of the Eliston leaves no foreign vessels in the Wilmington harbor except the two interned German steamers, the Nicaria and Kiel. Not only has the exporting of cotton from this port been much more active this season than last but there has been much more shipping along other lines than usual. Several cargoes of pyrites and other fertilizer materials have been imported this fall. The coastwise trade has also been good and there has been a great deal of timber shipped to Northern ports.

The coast guard cutter Seminole has returned from a cruise along the coast and will be in port until after Christmas unless there should be some ship in distress along the North Carolina Coast.

MR. ADAM G. LATTA DEAD.

End Came Yesetrday Morning in Brooklyn, N. Y.—Funeral Here.

Many Wilmington friends, through the medium of private telegrams, learned yesterday with sorrow of the death of Mr. Adam G. Latta, for many years a resident of this city and one of its most popular citizens, but for the past 25 or 30 years a resident of New York. Mr. Latta died yesterday morning at his home in Brooklyn, after an illness of several days. Mr. T. E. Sprunt, a personal friend of Mr. Latta, received a telegram on Monday, apprising him of the critical illness of Mr. Latta and Mr. Sprunt left at once for New York to be with him, but the end had come before he reached New York in the early afternoon of yesterday.

Mr. Latta, until he removed to New York some years ago, was engaged in the naval stores business here through his connection with Paterson, Downing & Co., and was highly esteemed by all of his acquaintances. He was the last of his immediate family.

It is expected that the body will be brought to Wilmington for interment, reaching here probably Thursday morning and the funeral will be perhaps some time during Friday, the hour and other arrangements to be announced later.

INVESTIGATE WATER AND SEWAGE

Messrs. Branch and Merritt Will Reply to Dr. C. T. Nesbitt.

A decision will be made this morning at the regular weekly meeting of City Council regarding the proposed investigation of the Water and Sewerage Department. The hearing will not begin until next week and some are in favor of waiting until after the first of the new year.

Messrs. Merritt and Branch, of the Water and Sewerage Department, are ready, it is understood, to file reply to the communication filed recently with the Water and Sewerage committee by Dr. C. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, in which certain statements are understood to have been made which might be construed to reflect upon the official record of Messrs. Branch and Merritt. This communication has been withheld from the public until the other gentlemen could make reply. Now that their reply is to be in today, the public will likely get the communication from the county health officer together with the reply.

NO NEW CASES FOR RECORDER.

Boys Warned Not to Shoot Fireworks Without Permission.

Joseph Cook, white, and Louis Spicer, colored, were warned yesterday by Recorder Empie not to be found guilty again of shooting off fireworks in the city limits, when not so authorized. They had been arrested and found guilty of this offense, but were discharged.

Maggie Bently, the white woman charged with selling liquor Saturday, was let out of jail yesterday under $100 bond.

Mr. R. R. Brown, the jitney bus driver, who several weeks ago was charged with reckless driving when his machine struck Mrs. Satchell at Front and Princess streets, was to have been given a hearing on the charge, but the plaintiff was unable to attend court.

TO ACCOMMODATE THE PUBLIC

City Council Will Furnish Opera Chairs for Visitors at Their Meetings.

Workmen are busy tearing away partitions in the office formerly occupied by the city engineer at the city hall, in pursuance of a plan to furnish a larger room to be used as City Council chamber, in which it is planned to put about 100 opera chairs for the use of citizens who wish to attend the meetings of Council.

This larger chamber will either be made of the former engineer's office, he being given a room upstairs, or this room will be used for the Mayor's office, and his office room used for the Council chamber. It is understood that definite plans will be made at the meeting today on this matter.

GONE UP CAPE FEAR RIVER

Captain Ridley and Matheson Will Inspect Locks and Dams.

Capt. C. S. Ridley, in charge of the local United States Engineer's office, and Captain Matheson, who will in a few weeks assume charge of the construction of the locks and dam at Browns' Landing, on the upper Cape Fear, left yesterday on the government steamer Mercur, for an inspection trip up the river.

Captain Matheson is getting acquainted with the situation in the territory and will soon be ready to assume his new duties.

Death of Infant Son.

James Earl, the 15-days-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Todd, died at their residence, No. 405 South Fifth street yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Todd, who have the tender sympathy of their friends, will take the body today to Loris, S. C., for interment.

SCHOOLS CLOSE TOMORROW

Wilmington Children Will Have Vacation of Ten Days for Christmas Holidays—Inspection.

The Wilmington graded schools will close at noon tomorrow for the Christmas holidays, and will not open again until Monday, January 3rd. This will give the children a vacation of ten days. Many of the different grades in the various schools of the city will have appropriate Christmas exercises tomorrow.

Needless to say, the children are looking forward to their vacation with much pleasure. They can hardly wait for the time for the annual visit of Santa Claus.

Supt. John J. Blair has invited the members of the different committees and also the Board of Education to visit the schools tomorrow for the purpose of making an inspection. The schools have been doing splendid work during the past three months, and he wants the committeemen to see the results of the efficient training given by the teachers. The visitors will be given a cordial welcome to the schools by the children.

The majority of the teachers will spend the Christmas holidays out of the city, either at their homes or in visiting relatives and friends.

While the Christmas vacation extends over a period of ten days, the time the children will be out of school includes only six working days. This is considered of sufficient length to give all an opportunity to enjoy Christmas without having to be away from their studies long enough to lose interest in them.

BELK-WILLIAMS COMPANY.

Store Becomes Distinctively a Wilmington Institution—Improvements.

As noted from the Raleigh dispatches to The Star, the Belk-Williams Company, of Wilmington, has been chartered by the Secretary of State with an authorized capital stock of $100,000 to conduct the Wilmington store of the Belk chain of 12 stores in the State. The firm in charge of the Wilmington store will be known as the Belk-Williams Company, the incorporators being the Belk brothers, Dr. J. M. Belk, of Monroe; Mr. W. H. Belk, of Charlotte, and Mr. J. C. Williams, the popular manager of the store in this city.

Mr. Williams hopes to make the Wilmington store the foremost in the Belk chain and has a number of improvements and alterations to the store that will be undertaken immediately after the holidays. The incorporation of the company means that the business hereafter will be distinctively a Wilmington enterprise and Mr. Williams, the manager, will be welcomed into the community life as head of one of its very largest and most popular mercantile enterprises.

MR. BUNDY IN LUMBERTON

Former Pastor of Grace Methodist Church Preached There Sunday.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, formerly pastor of Grace Methodist church, preached at both services in the Methodist church at Lumberton Sunday. The following is from the Lumberton Robesonian:

"Rev. J. D. Bundy, who was made presiding elder of the Warrenton district at the recent session of conference in Wilmington, where he served Grace street church as pastor for the past three years, preached able sermons at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday morning and evening. Mr. Bundy was pastor of this church some years and has many friends here who were glad to greet him again. He is on his way to his new appointment. He arrived Saturday from Wilmington and was a guest at the home of Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White until this morning, when he went to Laurinburg.

"At this church yesterday, at both morning and evening services, special delightful Christmas music was rendered by the choir."

SEVERAL WANT OFFICE.

Constable J. H. Davis Expected to be in Race to Succeed Himself.

While it is understood that Constable J. H. Davis, who has served in his present position for a number of years, will be a candidate to succeed himself in the primary next spring, there are already several prospective candidates in sight and it is expected that they will make announcements within a short while. Constable Davis has not stated that he would not be a candidate and although there have been rumors that he did not expect to be, it is pretty generally understood that he will be in the race. In the meantime, others are prospecting among their friends with a view to finding out how well they stand before making announcements.

WINSTON-SALEM MAN SAVED FROM DEATH

J. E. Erwin Says Wonderful Remedy Brought Him Astonishing Relief.

J. E. Erwin of Winston-Salem, N. C. was for a long time the victim of serious disorders of the stomach. He tried all kinds of treatment and had many doctors.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Guffon, of Spring Hope, were in the city yesterday, guest at Hotel Wilmington.

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There were 901 Red Cross Seals sold yesterday at the postoffice booth. Chaperones for today are Miss Annie Kidder and Miss Flora Yopp.

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Mr. Vaughn Smith, of the staff of the Washington Herald, Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays in the city at the home of his father, Mr. R. E. Smith, No. 519 South Third street.

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Miss Edelweiss King arrived last evening from Greensboro, to spend the Christmas holidays at home. Miss King has been a student at Greensboro College for Women.

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A committee from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church will receive donations for Christmas baskets in the parlors of the church Thursday morning from 10 to 12 o'clock.

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Acme, N. C., Dec. 21.—The following cards have been issued to friends: "Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Powell announce the marriage of their daughter, Liska Pearl to Mr. Lloyd Victor Bell, December nineteenth, 1915, Acme, North Carolina."

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Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 25.— Miss Ruth Forbis, one of the city's most attractive young women, was married today to Mr. Charles H. England, of Washington and Greensboro, who is secretary of the ways and means committee in the House of Representatives. The wedding was a quiet affair at the home of Mr. E. M. Rees, an uncle of the bride. She is the daughter of the late James Forbis, for several years a well known attorney of the city and at the time of his death clerk of the Superior court. Mr. England has been private secretary to Congressman Claude Kitchin and Charles M. Stedman for several years and is well known here, where he has spent several vacations.

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PRETTY WEDDING IN GRACE METHODIST CHURCH YESTERDAY

The marriage of Miss May Wallace Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virginius Hall, to Rev. Roland Louis Luerich, of East Stroudsburg, Pa., was celebrated yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, at Grace Methodist church. Rev. J. D. Bundy, the former pastor, officiated.

The altar was banked in palms, ferns and evergreens, with candelabra in the background. Just prior to the entrance of the bridal party, Miss Agnes Chasten sang "I Love You Truly." Mrs. M. L. Chasten played softly during the ceremony.

The bride, who was attractively gowned in white satin with pearl trimmings, her veil caught up with lilies of the valley and carrying a bouquet of bride roses, came to the altar with her matron of honor, Mrs. Henry Hankins Hall, who wore a pink crepe de chine gown with an overdress of pink chiffon and carried Killarney roses.

Mr Henry Hankins Hall, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The ushers were Messrs. William A. Andrews, Alford B. Hall, Benjamin A. Thees and Virginius C. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Luerich, after a brief visit to points in New Jersey, will make their home in East Stroudsburg, Pa.

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MISS ELEANOR BESSELLIEU BRIDE OF MR. G. P. RUSSELL

Miss Eleanor Lorraine Besselliеu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Besselliеu, and Mr. George Paxton Russell, formerly of Wilmington but now of New York, were united in marriage at the First Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the presence of a large number of friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. W. Marshall Craig, acting pastor of the First Baptist church.

The church auditorium was attractively decorated with Southern smilax and holly, in keeping with the holiday season. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mr. Ernest Cavenaugh.

Miss Myrtle Besselliеu, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Emily Besselliеu, sister of the bride, and Miss Laura Russell, sister of the groom.

Mr. Howard C. Moore was best man and the ushers were: Messrs. J. Ernest Grant, R. A. Rogers, W. C. Cruser and T. E. Besselliеu.

The bride entered on the arm of her father, who gave her away, and looked most charming in a gown of crepe meteor, trimmed in ermine, and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley.

The maid of honor was dressed in white taffeta, trimmed in pink roses, and wore a black velvet hat with pink tips. The bridesmaids were attired in pink taffeta, draped in tulle panniers, designed with silver festoons, and wore hats of black tulle with pink tips.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Russell left on the evening train for New York, where they will reside.

The bride is a popular young woman of this city with a wide circle of friends. The groom is a native of Pennsylvania but resided for a number of years in Wilmington, being employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line. He has been in the general offices of the D. L. & W. Railroad in New York for the past few months.

PERSONALS.

—Mr. Paul A. Burger, who is attending school in Baltimore, Md., is spending the holidays here with relatives.

—The following North Carolinians were registered yesterday at Hotel Wilmington: Messrs. C. L. Spears, Charlotte; A. L. Alexander, Charlotte; A. M. Lucas, Council; E. M. Nance, Fair Bluff; D. L. Moore, Garland.

—The following North Carolinians were registered yesterday at The Orton: M. P. Bullard, Bolivia; W. T. Woodward, Greensboro; E. J. Hill, Warsaw; W. L. Phifer, Charlotte; P. M. Williams, Wallace; L. H. Smith, Liberty.

GARAGE BURNED IN AN EARLY MORNING FIRE

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Meares Harriss, R. C. H.; Lassiter-McDuffie Co., Moon; W. A. Cannon, Buick; Dr. J. W. Hooper, Mitchell; A. G. Ahrens, Overland; Dr. J. H. Dreher, Maxwell; H. L. Fennell, Studebaker; D. F. Klein, Chalmers; Father Hayden, Studebaker; Lassiter-McDuffie Co., Studebaker; E. H. Schulken, Hudson. There were six machines in the repair shop of Messrs. Newkirk and Little as follows: Lassiter-McDuffie Co., Moon; W. A. Cannon, Reo; C. B. Parmele, Everitt Six; Leo Little, E. M. F.; J. W. Brooks, Overland; O. Martindale, E. M. F. roadster.

The only machines on which there was any insurance were those of Mr. A. G. Ahrens, Father Hayden and Lassiter-McDuffie Company.

Mr. McDuffie, of the Lassiter-McDuffie Company, the largest losers in the fire, desire to thank most heartily members of the Wilmington Fire Department, the corps of marines from the United States coast guard cutter Seminole in command of Lieut. Farley, and all others who worked so faithfully to assist them in saving the larger portion of the cars carried in their stock.

Mr. McDuffie states that for the present the business of his firm will be carried on, through the courtesy of Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., from Mr. MacMillan's garage, No. 108 North Second street, and their phone number will be as usual, No. 614. They hope today to be able to be giving their patrons their usual satisfactory service.

Truck Ran Into Automobile.

Mr. C. D. Gilbert who while riding in his automobile early Monday night collided with an automobile truck of the Mint-Cola Company, states that he was going south on Third street and was struck by the truck which was going east on Chestnut street. Mr. Darden, the driver of the truck, he states, applied the emergency brakes promptly or else the accident would have been much more serious. The blinding snow storm made it hard to see far ahead and the accident seems to have been unavoidable under the circumstances. Both machines were damaged considerably. Mr. Gilbert was cut on the side of his head and his 11-year-old son had his side hurt but not seriously.

Called to Shoot Turkey.

Plainclothesman Leon George, ever ready to serve the good people of Wilmington in any dignified capacity, was called yesterday morning by Mrs. H. A. Burr, on South Third street, to shoot her turkey that had gotten out of the coop and was making apparent preparations to return to the country from whence it had come. Mr. George borrowed a 22 calibre rifle from the Jacobi Hardware Company and brought the Christmas bird to the ground dead, the first shot.

His Sixteen Years' Suffering Now Ended

"I can say with the greatest of pleasure that Foley Kidney Pills were the only thing that gave me relief in sixteen years."

Mr. G. W. Henderson of Dingle, Miss., says more than that, too. He suffered with cystitis (inflammation of the bladder). It went on until he reached the point where he had dizzy, weak spells, and sometimes he would almost faint with pain. Of course, he doctored, went off to the mineral springs and drank waters of different kinds, which altogether cost him a large sum of money. Still no permanent relief. Now comes a friend who recommends Foley Kidney Pills, and after using half a dozen bottles, his pains are all gone, he sleeps soundly all night.

When kidney and bladder trouble comes on you and you suffer the pains and aches it causes, have irregular, painful secretions and a burning sensation, take Foley's Kidney Pills at once and you will echo Mr. Henderson's sentiments.

R. R. Bellamy, Druggist.

A Most Desired Christmas Gift

Silk Stockings for Ladies or Socks and Neckwear for Gentlemen make attractive and useful gifts appreciated by everyone.

New Hosiery and Neckwear just received.

A. D. BROWN

PRACTICAL GIFTS

CONDUCTORS BANQUET TONIGHT

Captain Pemberton in Charge of Affair for Cape Fear Division.

A large attendance is expected at the banquet to be given by Cape Fear Division, No. 271, Order of Railway Conductors of America at the Masonic Temple this evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

Capt. W. H. Pemberton is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the affair and their plans promise an elaborate and highly enjoyable affair. The conductors are a pleasant, jovial bunch and Captain Pemberton knows exactly how to prepare something that will strike them in their best humor.

The Order of Railway Conductors of America is just 25 years and two days old, and among the big organizations in the country. It has done much since its organization December 20, 1890. Every one of the conductors feel a strong loyalty to the order and anticipate an enjoyable time at the banquet.

FUNERAL OF MRS. EINSTEIN

Services Held Yesterday From Temple of Israel—Burial in Oakdale.

The funeral of Mrs. Rachael Einstein, whose death occurred Sunday night about 12 o'clock at the Colonial Apartments, where she was living with her daughter, Mrs. Maurice Dreyfus, was conducted yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from the Temple of Israel by the rabbi, Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn. There was a large concourse of sorrowing friends in attendance.

Interment was in Oakdale cemetery, where a large number of beautiful floral offerings bespoke the lovable character of the deceased.

The pallbearers were: Honorary: M. W Jacobie, J. Weil, L. Bluethenthal and Sigmund Bear; active, E. E. David, Albert Solomon, Adolph Rosenman, Charles B. Newcomb and Virgil A. Rountree, the latter of Kinston.

ANNUAL BANQUET BY POST B.

Winston-Salem Branch of North Carolina T. P. A. to Celebrate.

Wilmington members of the North Carolina Division of the Travelers' Protective Association of America have received invitations to attend the 14th annual informal banquet of Post B, at Winston-Salem, which will be given on Tuesday evening, December 28th, at the Hotel Zinzendorf. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the occasion is composed of Messrs. D. C. Crutchfield, chairman; James J. Norman and Burrell H. Marsh, all well known traveling men, who visit Wilmington frequently.

—A deed was filed yesterday by which Frank P. Meier and wife transfer to Fred Gregary, for $1 and other considerations, lot No. 9 at Seabreese Park.

Amateur Tennis Tournament.

There will be a men's double tennis tournament on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day by the local tennis league. All tennis players, who wish to enter the tournament, can do so by paying a 50 cent entrance fee at the Cape Fear Hardware store. The winners of the tournament will be awarded Victor tennis rackets. The details of the tournament can be had by inquiring at the Cape Fear Hardware Store.

EMBARGOES MORE STRINGENT

Steps Already Taken by Eastern Railroads Fail to Relieve Congestion.

New York, Dec. 21.—The committee representing all trunk line railroads leading into New York announced today that the freight embargoes declared by the many roads have failed to ameliorate the traffic congestion there being approximately 50,000 cars destined for New York on lines or at terminals. Acting on this, the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Lehigh Valley today declared additional stringent embargoes on freight consigned to New York for exports or coastwise shipment.

PLAN OF THE MERCHANTS AND MINERS' COMPANY ANNOUNCED

For the Financial Readjustment of Transportation Company

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—Announcement was made here tonight of a plan for the financial re-adjustment of the Merchants & Miners' Transportation Company. It proposes the creation of a mortgage on the company's property to secure an issue of $5,000,000, six per cent. 25-year bonds, of which $3,000,000 will be sold at once for the retirement of outstanding notes and exchange of certain bonds.

WOMEN ENTERTAINED

Members of Ford Peace Party Guests of Miss Gina Krog.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 21.—The women of the Ford peace party were entertained at luncheon today by Miss Gina Krog, president of the National Council of the Women of Norway. Several women from Sweden, Holland and Denmark were present. The mission of the peace expedition was discussed from the Dutch, Swedish and Danish points of view.

SAVANNAH LANDS A BIG ONE

Sugar Refining Company Will Erect $3,000,000 Plan There.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 21.—James Imbrie, a New York capitalist, announced today that the Savannah Sugar Refining Company would erect a $3,000,000 refinery here.

Christmas Slippers, just received at Peterson & Rulfs. de 21-3t
(Advertisement.)

Give Only Sensible Gifts

Here's a Store with Really Worth-While, Sensible Gifts for Christmas and New Year! Teachers and Others Buying for Classes Can Get Special Discount on Quantities.

Manicure Sets .. .. $2.50 to $10.00
Scissors Sets in Fancy Cases.
Bird Scissors in Fancy Cases, 50c, 75c
"BOKER" POCKET KNIVES —
300 Patterns to Select from. Every one Guaranteed. Handles of Silver, Aluminum, Pearl, Bone or Stag, 25c to $4.00
RAZORS—
Gillette's "Aristocrat" $5.00
Gillette's Bull Dog.. .. .. $5.00
Gillette's Vest Pocket $5.00
Penn's Safety $1.00
RUBBERSET SHAVING BRUSHES—
Bristles Guaranteed Not to Pull Out,.. 25c to $1.00
Casseroles .. .. $1.50 to $2.50
Baking Dishes $2.95
Fern Dishes .. .. $1.00 to $1.50
Dinner Gongs.
Jardinieres.. .. .. $1.50 to $3.50
Brass Cuspidors. .. .. .. .75c to $1.50
Electric Stand Lamps $2.50
Steak Planks.
Cake Chests and Closets.
"Silver Clean" Pans."—Cleans Silver like new; prices . . . .$1.25 to $3.25
"Universal" Percolators, in 2 to 14 cup sizes. Aluminum and Nickel Copper.. .. .. $2.50 to $5.00
"Universal" Tea Ball Tea Pots, $3.00 and $5.00
"ROGERS' "—
Silver Plated Knives, Forks, Spoons, Sugar Shells, Butter Knives, Children's Sets.
Savory Roasters . . . . . .75c to $3.50
Carving Sets. All styles, prices and finishes.

LEGGINS—LEATHER PUTTEES—
Mark Cross' U. S. Army Pattern, Pair .. .. $3.00 and $5.00
TOOLS FOR ALL TRADES—
So many men and boys have use for Tools of Various Sorts that they make Most Appropriate Gifts. Good Tools Only in Our Stocks, and All at Moderate Prices. Hehe are just a few Suggestions:
Auger Bit Sets,
Chisel Sets,
Cement Workers' Tools,
Hand Drills,
Mitre Boxes,
Masons' Tools,
Planes,
Saws,
Tape Lines,
Hatchets,
Hammers,
Yankee Screw Drivers, $1.00 to $2.00
Yankee Push Drills, 75c, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00
Smoker Stands—Very Useful.
Ash Trays . . . . . .25c to $1.50
Umbrella Stands . . . .$2.00 to $2.50
Ramekins 50c
SKATES—
Ball Bearing, pair $1.50
Roller Bearing, pair $1.00
WATCHES—
The "Duke" $2.00
The "Duchess" $2.00
The "Earl" $2.50

The "Count" Ivory Desk Watch $1.25
The "Duchess" Wrist Watch $2.50
**"Leonard" each .. ..

THEATRICAL

That effective natural actor, Mr. Nat C. Goodwin, is announced by the local management to appear at the Academy of Music this evening.

This is easily one of the most important engagements on the list of this season's theatricals, and it behooves the home time theatrt-goers to be alive to "what's doing" and not miss this, possibly their last opportunity to see America's foremost actor, for, be it known, Mr. Goodwin has contemplated abandoning the long, arduous road tours, more than once; only the insistent demands of the booking syndicates induced him to reconsider, for he realizes that when the time comes that he confines his seasons exclusively to New York, Chicago, and a very few metropolitan cities, the disappointment to the community at large will be paramount, while the financial loss to many would be conspicuously significant.

For the occasion of this visit Mr. Goodwin will be seen in the three-act success, "Never Say Die," a farcical comedy in three acts by H. Post.

The mother lode of the comedy drapes itself easily on the broad shoulders of Nat. Goodwin, but that is what he is there for and as it should be. Dispensing humor is a second nature to him.

Margaret Moreland plays the fiance, a part that gives her nice opportunities which she does not overlook; her rich beauty adding lustre to her talent; Dennis Cleugh, Isador Marcil, Alexandre J. Herbert, Nan Bernard, Maude Henderson, Luke Vrohman, and Frank Lynch handle the other important parts, and a correct scenic equipment is a foregone conclusion. Prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets are selling at Plummer's.

Seats on Sale Today.

Advance sale of seats for the two days presentation of "The Whirl of Life" begins this morning at 9 o'clock. Many applications for seats have already been made, but none will be filled in advance of public opening this morning. It would be especially desirable that all who wish to attend the 8 P. M. performance either day make their reservations today, as these seats will go first.

"The Whirl of Life" has caused a buzz of excitement all over the city. Indications point to record breaking crowds, as this is the first and only opportunity Wilmingtonians will have of witnessing the marvelous art of the Castles in all their new dances, as well as seeing a thrilling six-act photoplay feature that has played to capacity business all over the country.

"The Whirl of Life" gives you the inside facts concerning the meteoric rise of the Castles—how they achieved fame and fortune. It is replete with pathos, exciting situations, romance, love and thrills. Only a few choicest seats are held at 50 cents, 800 good seats going at the minimum price of 25 cents, in order that no one may miss this feature.

"Diamond from the Sky."

The 21st thrilling two-reel chapter of the "The Diamond from the Sky" holds the boards at the Bijou today as the headliner, although that's not half of the show for today. "The Diamond from the Sky" is now fast approaching the most thrilling and interesting part of this great serial, where every move and every incident has a vital bearing upon the final termination of a serial that for consistent drawing power has beat every other serial ever produced. "The Diamond from the Sky" has an appeal all its own and is drawing almost record breaking crowds every week.

A great feature today is a stirring two-reel Powers dramatic feature, "His Good Name," starring beautiful Doris Pawn in the leading role, supported by Sidney Ayres and a strong company. It tells a startling story of a young lawyer's adventures in a Western mining camp, his first case, an unjust accusation of murder and of his thrilling escape from the court room in which he was convicted.

"Safety First and Last," is another one of those great laugh feasts starring funny Victor Potel with Smiling Billy Mason.

Today at the Grand.

Today at the Grand the third great episode of those stirring "Bloom Center" comedy features is presented in two rousing reels. The title of this one of those great laugh feasts starring the comedy situations all through are amusing and strictly original, says "Motion Picture World. The situatic during which Percy returns to home town and thrashes everyone against whom he has a grudge are the essence of good fun. The handling of the material is skilful and the cast is led by William Scott, all of whom enter heartily into the humor of the photoplay.

Life on the rail continues to be one leap for life for Helen Gibson, the heroine of the great "Hazards of Helen" series, and today she presents "Danger Ahead," the most thrilling one yet. In this installment Helen foils two desperate crooks, leaps from an automobile to a fast moving train and keeps up her old record for daring.

"Waifs from the Sea" is a stirring single reel Edison drama with a punch in every scene.

At the Royal Today.

Emmy Wehlen, the beautiful and brilliant young Viennese actress created such a favorable impression as the star of "Marriage a la Carte" at the Casino Theatre in New York that she now makes her debut at the Royal today, in the Rolfe-Metro production of "When a Woman Loves," in which the brilliant little star has the support of a selected cast headed by the noted screen actor, Mr. Arthur Ashley.

"When a Woman Loves" is a five-act heart story of unusual interest and was produced in pictorial form from an original document by Charles Horan. In "Woman Loves," B. A. Rolfe has produced one of those tense and thrilling stories that play upon the heart strings.

"Battle Cry of Peace."

Yes, "the Battle Cry of Peace" is coming to Wilmington. This in response to at least 500 inquiries as to when this great feature would be available that have come in since last April when "The Battle Cry of Peace" was filling pages in the Sunday newspapers. And, best of all, Wilmington will have the distinction of being the first city outside of New York to play this great peace propaganda feature, but it took a trip to New York to get it first. Richmond gets it second, playing it the whole week of January 3rd, Jacksonville, Fla., does not get it until the week of January 24th.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" is more than a motion picture. It is a great national propaganda dealing with the most important problem that has confronted this nation since the Civil War, the problem of America's unpreparedness. If you have a drop of red blood in your veins, you will experience in witnessing this production a thrill such as you have never known. You will see the enemy approaching our American shores, the powerlessness of New York, the weakness of its forts as they are shelled. You will see the most beautiful sky line in the world in flames; you will see New York fall, the [illegible]ion that follows.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" is a call to arms against war, and was inspired in the mind of Commodore J. Stuart Blackton, its creator, by Hudson Maxim's sensational book, "Defenseless America." Advance sale of seats for all three days, matinee and night, will go on Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Nat C. Goodwin, who comes to the Academy in "Never Say Die," Tonight

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(Advertisement.)

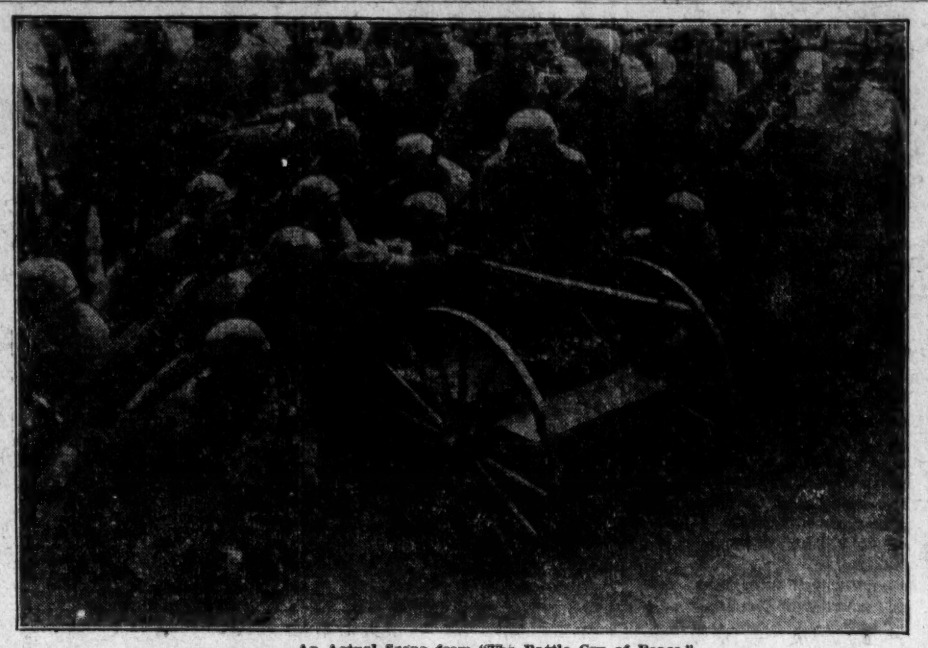
GOMPERS PRESENTS MUCH DATA AS TO STRIKE CONSPIRACIES

Probe Into Activities of "Labor's Peace Council" Virtually Ended.

New York, Dec. 21.—Federal grand jury investigation into the activities of Labor's National Peace Council, which it is charged by United States District Attorney Marshall was financed by Franz von Rintelen to foment strikes in munition factories, was virtually ended today.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, turned over two large port folios of data connected with alleged attempts by members of the council to corrupt union leaders. Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation, also appeared. Federal officials expect the jury to complete its work at anothtr session and believe at least six indictments will be returned.

Substantial progress also was made today in the investigation into the plot which Paul Koenig, head of the Hamburg-American Line detective force, is charged with organizing to blow up the Welland canal. Frederick Metzler, Koenig's secretary, who has turned state's evidence, was before the grand jury several hours.



An Actual Scene from "The Battle Cry of Peace."

"BATTLE CRY OF PEACE" COMES TO WILMINGTON FIRST IN THE SOUTH

After Record Run of 425 Consecutive Performances at the Vitagraph Theatre, New York City.

The announcement elsewhere in today's Star that "The Battle Cry of Peace" is coming to Wilmington next week, direct from its record run of seven months at the Vitagraph Theatre in New York City, is the most important announcement of the kind ever made in the city.

Further interest attaches to the announcement by the personal manager who is in the city, and will remain until after its presentation, that Wilmington is the first city outside of New York to get the feature in the South, getting it ahead of even Jacksonville, where it goes for the week of January 31st; Richmond, which gets it for the entire week of January 3rd, and Norfolk, where it plays the week of the 10th. This was made possible through the entirprise of Messrs. Howard & Wells, Mr. Wells having made a trip to New York City last month to arrange for booking "The Battle Cry of Peace" ahead of the entire South. While in New York City Mr. Wells witnessed the concluding performance of the run of 425 consecutive nights, and states that the Vitagraph Theatre lacked thousands of handling the crowds on that night.

Once in a generation or so a book finds its way into history. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was a book of this kind. By crystallizing the scattered elements of a great problem it moved a nation.

Today there is another problem no less vital to our country's welfare than the one that inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe. Slavery threatened our unity; today our very existence is threatened by our defenselessness.

The solution of the one involved us in war; the solution of the other will prevent war.

To bring this great problem home to the millions of American people J. Stuart Blackton conceived a great idea.

Pioneer in the field of motion pictures, recognized as the great authority on motion pictures, one of the needs of a great motion picture industry—he saw an opportunity to utilize the great and hitherto unused power of motion pictures to help toward the solution of this national problem.

To carry out this idea he produced a wonderful picture; from it he has written a wonderful book.

He took the facts and statistics contained in Hudson Maxim's "Defenseless America," and around them weaved an absorbing story. With the unlimited resources of the Vitagraph Company of America at his command he translated this story into motion pictures. The result is "The Battle Cry of Peace."

"The Battle Cry of Peace" is the first motion picture to be used to exploit an important, nation-wide propaganda. Its object is to bring to the notice of the greatest number of people in the shortest possible time the defenselessness of our country; not only to make the American people realize our condition as a nation, but to show them also the consequences to which this condition may lead, and finally to show them how to remedy this condition.

NEW HAVEN DIRECTORS' HOPE RAISED BY JUDGE'S REMARKS

Think Court May Direct Verdict of Acquittal as to Some.

New York, Dec. 21.—Remarks by Judge Hunt today at the trial of the eleven former New Haven railroad directors, charged with conspiracy under the Sherman law, as to the government's position that the evidence in the case applies to all the defendants equally, raised hopes in the minds of their attorneys that the court might direct a verdict of acquittal in the cases of certain of them at least.

Judge Hunt, while listening to further argument on the motion for dismissal of the indictment, mentioned the names of Henry K. McHarg and Frederick F. Brewster as having participated in the alleged conspiracy to a less degree than some of the other defendants. The fact that he apparently took recognition of a difference in the degree of participation by the defendants caused counsel to express confidence that they would be able to convince the court that these and others held to be in the same class should be immediately acquitted.

FIRE AT GREENVILLE.

Gum Tobacco Warehouse Destroyed by Flames—Loss Over $10,000.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 21.—The Gum Tobacco Warehouse was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night. The fire was discovered about 3:30 and had then gained such headway that the building could not be saved.

The house got its name from being built from gum timbers and these were old and well seasoned, making a quick fire. It was one of the largest warehouses here. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The house was owned by Messrs. H. L. Coward and J. J. Laughinghouse and it is said they had something like $10,000 insurance. It was rented this season by Messrs. Gibson and Faucett, who lost some scrap tobacco, which loss is probably covered by insurance. The other loss is probably covered by insurance. The other losses with the house were small, being trucks, perhaps an auto and some other things in the house at the time.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Two far reaching suits under the Sherman anti-trust law reached the Supreme Court today, one involving the anthracite coal business in Pennsylvania and the other growing out of labor troubles in the Arkansas coal fields.

ANNOUNCING

THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE

"A CALL TO ARMS AGAINST WAR"

ONCE in a generation or so a book finds its way into history. Once in a decade the populace of a great world power is stirred.

THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE

Is an inspired revelation written by Commodore J. Stuart Blackton, depicting the fall of a world-power—A Call to Arms Against War.

THE Battle Cry of Peace" is difficult to describe; impossible to compare. It is difficult to describe because the adjectives that fitly apply to it have, by long misuse, lost their meaning; impossible to compare because in its conception and realization J. Stuart Blackton has shattered all established ideas.

IN every field of achievement progress is made by slow degrees—when of a sudden some genius appears with a big and revolutionary idea. Before the advent of "The Battle Cry of Peace" motion pictures were a pleasant diversion, a means of recreation; a few sought to teach. Their power as a vast, far-reaching power was never realized.

THE Battle Cry of Peace" will find its way into the history of motion pictures as an epoch-making achievement—But—of vastly more importance and greater significance—"The Battle Cry of Peace" as the exponent of a great national idea, will find its way into the history of our nation.

THE Battle Cry of Peace" is a call to arms, against war—inspired by Hudson Maxim's "Defenseless America." You see—
The most beautiful skyline in the world in flames.
The fall of New York.
The enemy approaching.
The defeat of the meagre American forces
The landing of the invaders.
Our forts destroyed.
Our fleet beaten in battle.
But—
With it all is a heart interest drama so vivid, so real, so touching, that it touches the heart strings of your every emotion, appeals to your sense of honor, your sense of duty as an American citizen.

VICTORIA THEATRE
MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 27--28--29.

THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE

MATINEE, 3:15; NIGHT, 8:15
SCALE: 25c, 50c, 75c, and $1.00.

Academy, Tonight

This is Not a Moving Picture, But

MR. NAT. C. GOODWIN (HIMSELF)

Supported by a Large Company,

—in—

"Never Say Die"

A Farce Comedy in Three Acts.

—Prices: 50c to $1.50—

Tickets at Plummer's.

TODAY 2 to 11 P. M.

Victoria Theatre

"THE HOUSE OF HITS"

PRICES: Adults . . . .15c Children . .10c

WALTER WHITESIDE

The Eminent Broadway Star, in an Elaborate Filmization of

ALEXANDER DUMAS'

DEATHLESS DRAMA

"The Melting Pot"

A Great Story of a Great Struggle for Freedom from the Heel of Oppression.

Beautiful——Thrilling

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"Wilmington's Modern Movie"

Metro-Quality Pictures Present

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The Exquisite Viennese Actress, Recent Star of "Marriage a la Carte," in

When a Woman Loves

The Tale of Ruth, the Beautiful but Unsatisfied Daughter of Humble Parents. Her Flight to the Great City. The Pitfalls and Abysses Into Which She Falls. Her Association With the Undesirable, Her Redemption and Devotion to Home and Mother.

A VIVID AND GRIPPING STORY OF INTENSE ACTION THAT WILL APPEAL TO EVERYONE.

Victoria Theatre

"THE HOUSE OF HITS"

MR. and MRS. VERNON CASTLE

The World's Most Famous Dancers, Present, for the Edification of Their Thousands of Admirers

"The WHIRL of LIFE"

A Marvelous Six-Act Drama, Written Around Their Lives.

All the Great Castle Dances—The Magnificent Parisian Cabaret Scenes. The Marvellous Costumes. The Glory of Their Meteoric Triumph. All in an Absorbing Drama That Will Leave You With a Thrill!

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24 & 25

ADVANCE SALE OF SEATS

Starts This Morning at 9:00, at Theatre Box Office. Reserve Your Seats for Any Performance, Either Day, Friday or Saturday. Shows to Start at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00 P M.

A Few Choicest Seats, 50c.; 800 Good Seats at 25c.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. TELEPHONE 327.

GRAND

"The Come-Back of Percy"

The Second Two-Reel Episode of the Great "Bloom Center" Series of Comedies.

"Danger Ahead"

Another Great Hazards of Helen Railroad Drama.

"Waifs of the Sea"

A Stirring Edison Drama.

BIJOU

'The Diamond From the Sky'

The Most Thrilling Two-Act Episode Yet!

"His Good Name"

Beautiful Doris Pawn and Sidney Ayres, in a Great Two-Reel Dramatic Feature.

"Safety First and Last"

Victor Potel and "Bunch" in a Great Scream.

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FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

THEIR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

THERE were Richard and Paul and Ruth and Mamma and—goodness me, I all but forgot it—this mysterious thing which grown-ups call a New Year Resolution. Now the brothers and sisters and Mamma were sitting in the big living room on the afternoon of January 1st when the New Year Resolution had to pop in and spoil their lovely party, as you shall see later on.

Not that a New Resolution is anything you can touch, or smell, or taste, or hear, or see—for you can't. But, somehow, it has a mysterious and most uncomfortable way of bobbing up around the first of the New Year and worrying people, little and grown-up, just lots.

Richard himself really had no idea he was going to ask such a question two seconds before he did; it just popped out of his mouth—and, as they say, the ball was started rolling. "Mamma," he asked, "what is a New Year Resolution?"

Mamma smiled. "It is a spoken resolve," she explained, "not to do a certain thing one has been in the habit of doing, or to do a thing one has not been in the habit of doing—from the first day of the New Year right on through to the very last day of that year. I'm afraid that is about the best explanation I can give—is it too big for such little ears?"

"Oh no," said Richard promptly for, since he was in the fifth grade, he quite prided himself upon being able to understand "grown-up talk," as he called it.

But Paul was still a little in doubt. "Do you mean, Mamma," he asked, "that you say you're going to do something, or you're not going to do it and—and then you—you stick to what you've said?"

"Exactly!" laughed Mamma. "In fact, Paul, I believe your definition is really better than the one I gave."

As for Ruth, why she knitted her little brows together and cupped her dainty chin in her chubby hand and thought—and thought—and thought. Presently she looked up. "Oh, I see!" she cried. "If Paul says he won't pull my hair any—not at all—this year, is that—?"

"Exactly," said Mamma again, and with an even heartier laugh, "exactly—provided Paul sticks to what he says. The moment he forgets, however, and pulls your hair then it is no longer a New Year Resolution; or, rather, it is a broken one. Which, alas, my dears, is the kind most of them become before the New Year is very old. People, you know, find it rather easy to make such resolutions, but very, very hard to keep them!"

"Humh! I don't see why!" said Richard scornfully. "I bet you if I made a New Year Resolution I could keep it—I don't see anything hard in that!"

"Well," suggested Mamma, "suppose you resolve not to use the words 'I bet you' from tomorrow clear on through the year, every day, until the first of the next new year? Do you think you could keep that, Richard? Why, goodness me, you've told me many times that you would remember not to use those horrid words—and an hour later you say them without hesitation!"

Richard hung his head and made no reply.

"It is easy, oh so easy to make them," Mamma continued, "but so hard to keep them. Now I dare say little Ruth, here, might resolve most sincerely not to bite her finger-nails during the coming year. But, bless us, I have rather a feeling that before New Year's Day is over those fingers of hers will have been popped into her mouth—and she'd declare she didn't know how they got there!"

Paul snickered.

"And Paul"—Mamma turned and patted him on the shoulder—"why Paul might make a resolution not to enter the front door without first wiping his feet on the doormat but—how long, Paul, do you think you could remember it?"

Paul grinned. "I could remember mine as long as Richard and Ruthie remembered theirs," he answered. And then added, "And lots longer, too!"

"I wonder, I wonder," said Mamma slowly, half as though she were speaking only to herself. "I wonder if my little children could keep a New Year Resolution?"

"I bet you—I mean I know I could!" said Richard.

"I could, too!" cried Paul, with a particular emphasis upon the "I."

"Deed 'Deed I could!" echoed Ruth, at the self-same instant, forgetting and raising her poor, abused, badly bitten little thumb to her mouth.

"Very well," said Mamma promptly, "we shall see. Now, perhaps I had better suggest the resolution—the same for all three of you—and then maybe it will be easier for you to keep it. At all events, we shall see who is the first to break it. Will you all resolve not to quarrel with each other—for a whole year?"

"Yes indeed!" the three children cried in unison. And the scornful Richard added, "Why that's easy! Huh! If Paul and Ruth don't fuss at me I bet you—I mean I am sure I won't at them!"

"Oh, Richard!" laughed Mamma. "Can't you see? Of course, you wouldn't quarrel with Paul or Ruth if they didn't quarrel with you—of course not. But that isn't the point! When you make a resolution like that, you resolve not to quarrel—even if they do quarrel with you? And the same thing would apply to them. Can you see now how hard it is to keep a New Year Resolution? You can? All three of you? Very well then; now I want each of you to say, 'From this moment on, for a whole year, I firmly resolve not to quarrel with the other members of this family!'"

They did. Standing at Mamma's knee, one at a time, they spoke the resolution.

Just then Mamma was called to the 'phone.

She had scarcely left the room before Richard spoke up. "It's a good thing, Ruth, that you didn't resolve not to bite your finger-nails," he said, with a tantalizing grin. "I bet you couldn't keep it one hour!"

"I could!" Ruth protested.

"You couldn't!" Richard declared.

"Could!"

"Couldn't!"

"Say," interrupted Paul, "you make me tired, Richard. Stop picking on Ruthie. Maybe you think you could resolve not to say 'I bet you' and keep it? Huh, like fun you could!"

"Dry up, Paul!" Richard retorted instantly, with every sign of becoming angry. "And I guess you think you could resolve to wash behind your ears every morning for a whole year, huh? Why, that washrag would slip the very first morning!"

"It would not! You give me a pain, Richard!" answered Paul hotly. "You think you're a regular man and you put on so many airs, and—"

"I do, do I!" cried Richard. "Well, maybe I'll put something in your face you won't like in about a minute and—"

"Boys! Boys!" exclaimed Ruth, clutching each of them by the arm and trying to pull them apart.

"You keep out of this!" cried Richard.

"Let go of me!" echoed Paul.

And both of them shoved her roughly aside—a little more roughly, no doubt, than they had meant to, for poor Ruth tripped and fell.

Instantly she was upon her feet again, mad all over; she doubled up her tiny fists and began to pummel both of them.

"You nasty, horrid boys!" she cried. "I just hate you! I just hate you!"

Then—right at that moment—Mamma opened the door and stopped on the threshold, amazed.

"Oh, children!" she exclaimed. "Aren't you ashamed of yourselves! What has become of your New Year Resolutions? The moment my back is turned you—"

"Richard started it!" said Paul.

"I did nothing of the kind!" retorted Richard.

"Both of them did!" cried Ruth.

"And she made it worse!" the boys hastened to explain.

Standing at Mamma's knee, one at a time they spoke the Resolution.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

'TWAS New Year's Eve, and Curly Head
Expressed no wish to go to bed.
"I want to see the New Year in,
And hear the racket and the din."
So Mamma kissed the tot Good Night,
Gave nurse instructions that she might
Stay up until the Town Hall bell
Pealed silvery chimes, whose sound should tell:
"The Old Year's gone, the New is here;
Come, welcome in the glad New Year."

The time passed on; the Tabby Cat
Lay sleeping on the soft fur mat.
The nurse's breath was softly heard,
But Baby uttered ne'er a word.
The clock smiled on the waiting three—
The Kitten, Nurse, and dear Baby;
But no sound reached the mother's ear,
Save New Year's bells, so loud and clear,
As into the room she took a peep,
And found the trio fast asleep.

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

IT was an awful long time before I understud what Papa and Mamma and Aunt Kathy and other grown-ups ment when they talked erbout "turning over a new leaf on New Year's Day." Now if it had of been Springtime, why anybody could go out and pick up a new leaf and turn it over; but in January the leaves what are left on the trees are old and dead—so I couldn't see where any new ones could be found.

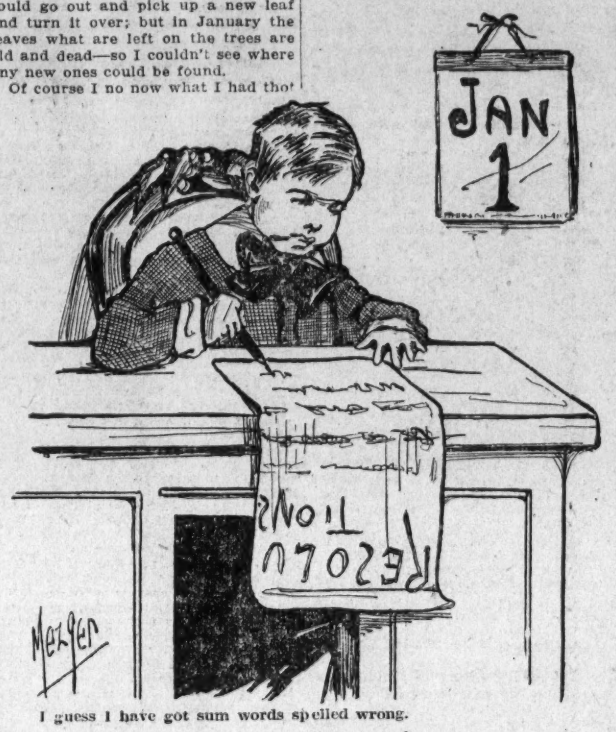
Of course I no now what I had tho' about a leaf is silly—and I have to laugh at myself for thinking such crazy thots. But Mamma explained it all to me very carefullee, and I decidud that I would make a few New Year Resolution & not say anything to nobody erbout them.

So I watched for my chanst and set down at the big table in the libery. I had found a big peace of white rapping paper which was rapped eround the big box that came to Mamma from the hat store the other day. I sharpened the longust pencul I could find. I had so many reserlutions to make & to turn over so many leaves that I needed a very big peace of paper and a very long pencul.

And this is what I wrote:—(I guess I have got sum words spelled wrong).

January first, Resolutions of Richard Dabney Clyde Donaldson which means leaves he has turned over.

Number 1 leaf, if Mamma will give me sum candy every day I won't make a pig out of myself and smer it on my close.



Resolution No. 2, I won't say What when sumbody calls me but I will say Well what can I do for you? like I heard Papa say the other day when we was walking erlong and a strange man stopped us—it sounds more dignerfied.

Third leaf, Towser can scratch eround my feet all he wants when we are at the table, but I won't give him 1 mouthful, because Mamma says dogs mustn't be fed at table. I'll stuff little bits of food into my pockuts and give them to Towser afterwards.

Fourth resolution, I won't make faces at Johnny green behind my jogerfy in school, cept when he does it first.

Resolution Number 5, I will clean my fingernails under the table so Papa can't see me doing it every day at dinner and I won't reach for nothing until they are clean.

Leaf no six, Mamma gives me fits erbout having dirty shoes and I'm going to cary erlong a hankercheef to polish my shoes with every day just before I come into the house when I am called for dinner.

Number 7, I wont make Sister Mauds bow give a cent to get out of the room every nite when he comes to see her. Sometimes I will do it for nothing.

Resolution no 8 is that I will put on my old trowsers when I slide down the banissters.

Leaf number nine I wont ask Mamma what we are going to have for desert at dinner Ill ask cook to tell me before we set down at the table.

Ten. I will walk home from school with Marjory when ever I want to no matter if Bud and Jonesy and the other fellers are yellin at me. But I an't going to carry no books of hers.

Resolution number leven is that Mamma can make me go to bed at nine oclock but I wont go to sleep til any old time I want to just to show her I oughto stay up long as I want.

12 leaf, I will do everything Teacher tells me to for 1 week and then maybe she will drop ded with surprise.

Thirteen is that I will make sum reserlotions for my friends and I resolve to make them keep them.

Leaf for Jonesy to turn over is that he will stop calling me snute and call me by my write nicname which is scrappy. If he dont I will rub his snute in the dirt.

Marjory can say nothing to that Fatty brown unless I tell her she can and then all she can tell him to do is go chase yourself.

I dont know if Teacher makes any reserlutions but I hope she resolves to give me sum good marks and not to keep me in after school if she does turn over that new leaf I mite turn over 1 not to play any tricks on her but I would be blamed for them any way so I mite as well do them and get the fun out of them.

Last resolution is that I will keep these just as long as I can and not let any one talk me into breaking them if I can help it and if not there blood be on there own heads.

Amen.

Solution to New Year Puzzle.

Good Resolutions

Here are a few good resolutions for you to make next Saturday.

Be just toward all.
Bear malice toward none.
Make an enemy of no one.
Make friends of many.
Have few bosom friends.
Carve your own road to success.
Paddle your own canoe.
Settle your own disputes.
Fight your owr battles.
Be kind and gracious to every one.
Ask few favors of any one.
Do a kind act every day in the year.
Be considerate of old age.
Be big-minded in little things.
Play fair and square always.

Our Puzzle Corner

NEW YEAR QUOTATIONS.

Mrtorwoo nda oromtrwo dan rtowomor epcres ni hsti tepyt caep rmof ady ot yda. —Perakseahes.

Meit nda deti iwta ofr on amn. —Naon.

A FEATURE OF NEW YEAR.

If the following are written one below another their diagonal letters, beginning at the upper left hand corner and ending at the lower right hand corner, will spell a feature of New Year:

1. Fruit.
2. An ailment or sickness.
3. One who Creates.
4. Act of shaping with a mold.
5. A model of excellence.
6. A low, hardy evergreen shrub.
7. A prosperous or advantageous result.

Answers.

NEW YEAR QUOTATIONS: Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow creeps in this petty pace from day to day. —Shakespeare.

Time and tide wait for no man. —Anon.

NEW YEAR FEATURE: Pledges. 1, Peaches; 2, Illness; 3, Creator; 4, Molding; 5, Paragon; 6, Heather; 7, Success.

NEW YEAR PUZZLE.

Here is Old Father Time and his scythe. Little New Year is also in the picture. See if you can find him by cutting out the black pieces and putting them together correctly.

The Flame of the Christmas Candle

IT was Christmas Eve, or rather, early Christmas morning. The household was deep in slumber. Even the Little Lad for whom the tree had been trimmed and the stocking hung was at last far away in the Land of Nod, after hours and hours of restless tossing about and listening for the jingle of Santa Claus' sleigh bells on the roof. A silence, deep and mysterious, had settled upon the home.

In the library, the very last of the embers in the big fireplace were dying out. From the mantel above the chimney hung the boy's stocking, fat and bulging, with a great round orange in the toe. Old Santa had already been there. Over in the corner stood the Christmas tree, all decorated and with small red and green and yellow and white candles in their little tin holders standing straight up on the branches like soldiers on parade.

Presently there came a rustling on one of the branches and a tiny pure-white candle began to tremble violently. Then, ever so slowly, it began to glow at the end and a tiny flame appeared. Gradually, as one turns up a lamp, but much more slowly and steadily, the flame became brighter and brighter. Soon it was burning merrily.

And then—a wonderful thing happened. Out of the top of the flame rose a shining golden head, followed by the shoulders, wings and arms of as dainty a little fairy as ever lived. As she emerged from the flame, it died down, lower and lower, until presently it was simply a cushion to support her tiny toes.

"Ho! Merry Christmas!" cried the little lady in a voice as soft and sweet as the chime of Christmas bells. "Ho! Merry Christmas!"

A great rustling of the tree and a stirring among the Christmas presents greeted her call.

"Behold!" she trilled in her silver sweet voice. "Behold! I am the Flame of the Christmas Candle and I bear a message to all of you, a message from the Spirit of Christmas. Harken, all, to my words!

"Upon you rests the blessed burden of making the Yuletide in this home a joyous one. You can make or mar the occasion. Neither the Little Lad, nor his Mamma nor his Papa are aware of it; but, nevertheless, the making of a real Christmas in this household rests in large part with you!"

"How? Listen, and I will explain. And I speak not for myself but for the Spirit of Christmas. There are homes in abundance today, where the tree is thrice the size of this one, and the presents are worth a king's ransom—but the true spirit of Christmas, the blessed message of the Christ Child, is not there.

"There are homes, too, where there is no tree at all and where all the presents combined cost not as much as the contents of the Lad's stocking hanging by the chimney here—yet nowhere are hearts more warm with Christmas cheer.

"And why? Because the very doors and windows and hearts and minds of those households are wide open to the message of the first Christmas morn when those Wise Men crossed the Judean hills and knelt at the Manger to worship and adore. Now, we cannot make Christmas where none is desired. But we can aid a little in perfecting it where it is welcome.

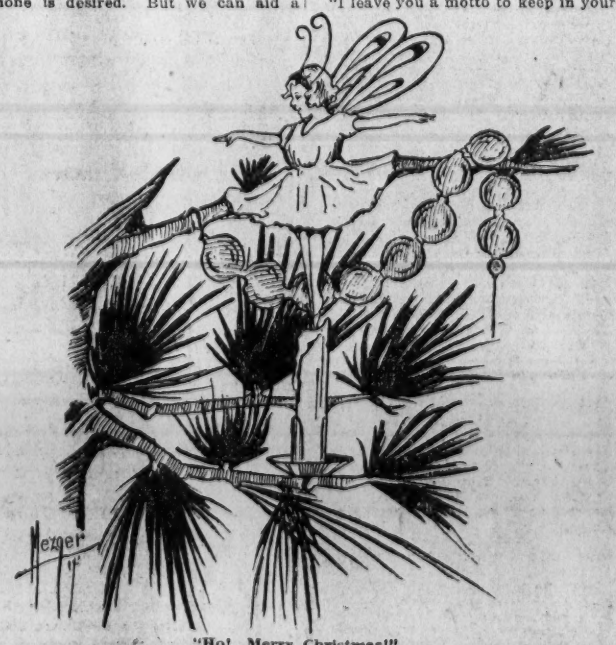
"And we can do so, simply by ourselves feeling the true spirit of Christmas and radiating it to all who come within sight of us. Why, I have seen Christmas trees that did not look like Christmas trees at all—but simply pines with a lot of tinsel and gilt hung upon them!

"I have seen Christmas presents laid out for the dawn that looked as though they wished they were back in the shops from which they had been bought. And candles? Oh, what a power for joy or gloom is the light of the Christmas candle! We must not sputter and crackle and go out. We must burn brightly, evenly, joyously—and we can do so only if we feel the true spirit of Christmas in our hearts.

"And that spirit is the spirit of self-sacrifice. Behold, I have spoken! Now I go—to other homes to repeat my message, 'ere the rosy dawn appears in the East and the little ones climb out of their snug, sweet beds to see what Old Santa has left for them.

"I leave you a motto to keep in your hearts and to ponder all day so that others may be influenced by it, even though they are not aware of what you are doing. And that motto is—'Merry Christmas!'"

And, in the twinkling of an eye, the dainty little lady had descended again into the flame from which she had sprung, and again all was silence.



"Ho! Merry Christmas!"

AESOP'S RETOLD

by GARRETT NEWKIRK

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THE OAK AND THE WILLOW.

ONE time there grew a giant oak of tall
and stately form,
So deeply rooted, strong and firm, it feared
not any storm.
Quite near a slender willow stood upon the
grassy plain,
The oak upon the willow looked with insolent
disdain.
A wild tornado came one day from off
the torrid lands—
Uprooted now the mighty oak, unharmed the
willow stands.
"Oh, why is this!" cried out the tree, that I should
prostrate fall,
While you, a weak and slender thing, should suffer
not at all?"
"I bent me low," the willow said, "before the
stormy blast;
You, standing upright, fought the wind till you
were overcast."

* * *

Never to yield's a great mistake,
Better it is to bend than break.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON LESS ACTIVE YET

Trading in New York Seems Largely on Evening Up Account for the Holidays.

New York, Dec. 21.—The cotton market was still less active today and trading seemed largely an evening up account for the over-the-holiday or for adjusting commitments in advance of the first January notice day next week. Fluctuations were correspondingly narrow and irregular, with March contracts ruling between 12.18 and 12.25, closing at 12.22. The general list closed steady at a net advance of 2 to 5 points on the present crop and about three points lower on new crop deliveries.

Liverpool was relatively steady and the local market opened 6 points higher to 1 point lower, with Liverpool houses buyers of near months against sales of later positions. A renewal of January liquidation soon sent that position down in keeping with the rest of the list when spot houses became buyers against sales of May and July. On a comparatively slight rally Liverpool sold May in spite of the wide differences already prevailing and prices gradually worked off during the forenoon until active months were a point or two under last night's close with January selling at 11.89; May at 12.41, and July at 12.56. Business then became very quiet and subsequent fluctuations were irregular within a range of 4 or 5 points. Closing prices were 4 or 5 points up from the lowest. Reports that the British government intended to remove the embargo on Jamaica logwood exports were taken favorably in their bearing upon domestic goods trade prospects. In other respects advices from the goods trade were also favorable but the trade now seems to be paying less attention to the activity of domestic business than to the export situation which seems to form the basis for most of such bearish opinion as are heard around the ring. The Liverpool sales of May attracted considerable attention in this connection as suggesting a probability of still wider differences between European and American markets.

Cotton closed steady:

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	11.96	11.97	11.89	11.93
March	12.20	12.25	12.18	12.22
May	12.45	12.49	12.41	12.46
July	12.57	12.64	12.56	12.59
October	12.34	12.37	12.30	12.32

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 11.69; receipts, 13,694; sales, 2,683; stock, 403,176.

Galveston—Middling, 12.10; receipts, 20,452; exports, 7,983; sales, 200; stock, 358,834.

Mobile — Middling, 11.50; receipts, 794; stock, 29,131.

Savannah—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 3,750; sales, 358; stock, 225,037.

Charleston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 785; exports, 5,645; stock, 103,719

Wilmington—Receipts, 481; exports, 12,025; stock, 39,733.

Texas City—Receipts, 6,052.

Norfolk — Middling, 11.50; receipts, 1,425; sales, 66; stock, 129,778.

Baltimore—Stock, 5,870.

Boston—Middling, 12.10; receipts, 317; exports, 86; stock, 10,700.

Philadelphia — Middling, 12.35; receipts, 137; stock, 3,570.

New York—Middling, 12.10; receipts, 65; sales, 650; stock, 316,277.

Minor Ports—Stock, 57,711.

Total today — Receipts, 57,352; exports, 25,739; stock, 1,683,556.

Total for week — Receipts, 119,411; exports, 45,910.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,855,487; exports, 2,149,607.

Interior Movement.

Houtson—Middling, 12.05; receipts, 14,230; shipments, 12,903; sales, 722; stock, 236,501.

Memphis—Middling, 12.12; receipts, 5,074; shipments, 4,100; sales, 1,800; stock, 338,452.

Augusta — Middling, 11.50; receipts, 2,586; shipments, 1,517; sales, 960; stock, 208,921.

St. Louis—Middling, 12⅛; receipts, 9,825; shipments, 9,768; stock, 14,647.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 2,065; shipments, 1,238; stock, 21,372.

Little Rock — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 889; shipments, 411; sales, 411; stock, 47,354.

Dallas—Middling, 11.55.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.50; sales, 221.

Total today—Receipts, 34,669; shipments, 29,937; stock, 867,247.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 21. — Cotton: Spot, steady; good middling, 7.90; middling, 7.55; low middling, 7.11. Sales, 10,000; for speculation and export, 1,000; receipts, 5,900; futures, steady. December, 7.43; December-January, 7.43; January-February, 7.42; February-March, 7.41; March-April, 7.39½; April-May, 7.34½; May-June, 7.30½; June-July, 7.27; July-August, 7.23½; August-September, 7.09; September-October, 6.92½; October-November, 6.87½.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Featured by Small Trading and Narrow Price Changes.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—Small trading and narrow price changes featured the local cotton market today. There was no period of decided activity and much of the business appeared to be of an evening up nature. Professionals did most of the trading, little outside business coming in. The market closed unchanged to three points up, compared with the last prices of yesterday.

Cables were better than due and in the early session prices stood 3 to 5 points up. Offerings increased and the most active months went 1 to 3 points under yesterday's close. Toward noon the market steadied again on small buying induced by advices from Texas telling of firm spot markets and the trading months advanced 3 to 6 points over yesterday's final figures. This was the high of the day. In the afternoon the market sagged off under the dullness.

The local stock of cotton crossed the 400,000 bale mark today, a fact which caused bearish comment.

Cotton closed steady: January 11.75; March 12.10; May 12,36; July 12.52; October 12.21.

Spot cotton steady; quotations revised; middling unchanged, 11.69.

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(advertisement.)

WHEAT LIFTED HIGHER YET

Prices Reach New Levels for Season—Huge Export Sales a Principal Factor.

Chicago, Dec. 21. — Huge export sales helped lift the wheat market today to a new high price record for this season's crop. Closing quotations were buoyant at 1½@3c. net advance, with December at 124 and May at 124⅛@125

Corn gained ⅝ to ¾@⅞, and oats ¾@⅞. Provisions finished with losses of 10 to 57½.

Grain and provisions close:

Wheat—December, 124; May, 124⅞.

Corn—December, 70⅛; May, 74.

Oats—December, 42⅛; May, 45⅝.

Pork—January, 18.32; May, 18.50.

Lard—January, 9.60; May, 9.90.

Ribs—January, 9.75; May, 10.15.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 124¾; No. 3, red, 1.16@1.19½; No. 2, hard, 1.22@1.23; No. 3, hard, 1.15@1.17.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, nominal; No. 4, yellow, 66@67¾; No. 4, white, 66@67¾.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Matilda Weems, Hall, Baltimore, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Co.

Cleared.

Str. Matilda Weems, Hall, Georgetown, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Co.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

Str. Elsiston (Br.), 1,834 tons, Niven, Havre, France, Alex. Sprunt & Son.

Exports—Foreign.

By Alex. Sprunt & Son, 12,025 bales cotton, valued at $842,000, for Havre, France, on British steamer Elsiston.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.). 3,289 tons, Hollasch, Fields & Co.

Str. Kell (Ger.). 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50½c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.00; small, $4.90.

TAR—$2.20-9c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal. Rosin, nominal. Tar, $2.00-8 1-2c. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirtsi Turpentine .. .. (—)

Rosin 131

Tar 184

Crude Turpentine.. 10

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 9 casks; rosin, 78 barrels; tar, 230 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal. Quotations same day last year, 7⅛c.

Receipts—444 bales; same day last year, 1,394 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 134,877 bales

Total receipts to same date last year, 89,029 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, N. C , Dec. 21.

Atlantic Coast Line—444 bales cotton; 166 barrels tar.

Annie B—10 barrels crude turpentine.

A. P. Hunt—131 barrels rosin; 18 barrels tar.

Total—444 bales cotton; 131 barrels rosin; 184 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 20.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Ole hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 20.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 20.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

COTTON SEED OIL.

New York, Dec. 21. — Cotton seed oil was a shade higher on the firm spot situation and scarcity of offerings. The bulk of trading was in the way of switching of January to March at even term[s] anuary to May at 9 points and to May at 10 points. Final [were] 2 to 3 points net higher. [Sales] ,300 barrels Closed firm. Spot, [nuary], 8.43@8.45; February-8.42@8.43; April, 8.45@8.48; [62]@8.54; June, 8.54@8.60; July, [65]; December, 8.53@8.95.

STOCK TRADING AT LOW EBB

Turnover Yesterday Fell to Comparatively Small Total of 339,400 Shares.

New York, Dec. 21.—The low ebb of trading for a fortnight or more was reached today, the turnover falling to the comparatively insignificant total of 339,400 shares.

Dealings seemed to lack impulse or initiative of any kind, although some concern was expressed regarding the outcome of the note to Austria, which is to be made public tomorrow.

Other features of the foreign situation, including the partial abandonment by the allies of the Gallipoli campaign and the frank utterances of Great Britain's minister of munitions, were received with some misgivings. London and the continent continued to offer our securities for sale in this market but these were big enough to find free absorption.

Developments chiefly of a helpful character, included an advance in refined copped to 20 1-4c with some producers holding off for a fraction over that figure and the publication of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad's November earnings, disclosing a net increase of $1,176,000. If the latter may be accepted as a prelude to similar exhibits further record breaking railroad returns are certain.

More uniformity was shown by the movement of foreign exchange, the strength of rates to all the principal European centers of finance reflecting active buying of commercial bills. There also was a broader inquiry for the Anglo-French bonds between 95 3-4 and 95, the total overturn approximating $1,500,000. A succession of narrow dips and advances was recorded by the stock market, lowest prices being made at midday when United States Steel and some of the rails were under moderate pressure. American Smelting was again the leader, its sales on the steady rise of 2 7-8 points to 104 7-8 far exceeding those of steel. That stock fluctuated narrowly and other leaders, including rails, manifested an irregular trend. Specialties moved in a wider radius, some issues showing obvious manipulation.

Bonds in general exinced a lower level on light operations. Total sales par value, aggregated $3,730,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	31
American Beet Sugar	69¾
American Can	59½
American Car and Foundry	77⅞
American Cities, pfd	44½
American Cotton Oil	55
American Locomotive	68⅝
American Smelting	104¾
American Sugar	115
American Tel. and Tel	128¾
American Tobacco	201
Anaconda Copper	86
Atchison	105⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	111½
Baldwin Locomotive	115⅞
Baltimore and Ohio	92⅜
Bethlehem Steel	470
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87⅞
Canadian Pacific	179⅝
Central Leather	53
Chesapeake and Ohio	61⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	93
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	15⅝
Consolidated Gas	145
Crucible Steel	73
Erie	41⅞
General Electric	174½
General Motors	510
Great Northern, pfd	125½
Illinois Central	107
Interborough Consol. Corp.	21⅝
Kansas City Southern	31½
Lehigh Valley	81¾
Louisville and Nashville	129
Liggett and Myers	245
Lorillard Co	180
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	16
Mexican Petroleum	98⅝
National Lead	63¼
New York Central	105⅜
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	73¾
Norfolk and Western	120½
Northern Pacific	116
Pennsylvania	58⅞
Reading	81
Rep. Iron and Steel	54½
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	110¾
Seaboard Air Line	B. 18
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39½
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	62⅞
Studebaker Corporation	167½
Southern Pacific	100½
Southern Railway	22⅞
Southern Railway, pfd	60½
Tennessee Copper	58¼
Texas Co	232½
Texas and Pacific	14½
Union Pacific	136¾
United States Rubber	54
United States Steel	85¾
United States Steel, pfd	116⅞
Utah Copper	78⅝
Virginia-Caro. Chem	47
Western Union	87
Westinghouse Electric	68¼
Great Northern Ore	48
Va. I., C. and C	64
Wabash B. W. I.	29
Missouri Pacific	3⅞
United Fruit	149¼

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 21. — Turpentine—Firm, 50½@51; sales, 519; receipts, 417; shipments, 302; stock, 14,583.

Rosin — Firm. Sales, 596; receipts, 3,642; shipments, 3,474; stock, 72,944. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, 5.10; K, 5.75; M, 6.20; N, 6.75; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.25.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼. Sterling, 60-day bills, 4.6850; demand, 4.7250; cables, 4.7525. Bar silver, 54¾ Mexican dollars, 42. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, heavy. Time loans, firmer; sixty days, 2¾; ninety days, 2¾@3; six months, 3 per cent. Call money, steady. Ruling rate, 1¾.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21. — Raw sugar, steady; centrifugal, 4.89; molasses, 4.12; refined, quiet.

Butter—Easier.

Cheese—Firm.

Coffee — Spot, unsettled; Rio, No. 7, 7⅝; Santos, No. 4, 9c.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21. — Cotton goods were steady and yarns were firm today. Men's wear was bought freely for Fall, heavy weights advanced. Silks were higher. Burlap markets were firm.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 22, 1915

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 28 degrees; at 8 P. M., 33 degrees; maximum, 36 degrees; minimum, 28 degrees; mean, 32 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .65 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.56 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 11.7 feet and falling.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair weather and rising temperature Wednesday and Thursday; light variable winds.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 22, 1915.

Sun rises ... ...7:14 A. M.
Sun sets ... ...5:07 P. M.
Day's length .. ..9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	10:31	10:41	5:26	6:05
Southport	8:25	8:37	2:12	2:53
Masonboro Inl	8:14	8:26	1:52	2:33

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 21, 1915.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	clear	62	36	.0
Asheville	clear	38	20	.0
Atlanta	clear	46	26	.0
Augusta	clear	46	28	.0
Baltimore	clear	36	—	.0
Birmingh	clear	52	28	.0
Boston	clear	34	28	.0
Charleston	clear	40	32	.14
Charlotte	clear	44	26	.0
Chicago	cldy	36	18	.0
Galveston	clear	62	48	.0
Jacksonv.	clear	48	32	.02
Memphis	clear	52	38	.0
Mobile	clear	54	34	.0
Montgom'y	clear	52	30	.0
New Orl.	clear	58	44	.0
New York	clear	38	26	.0
Oklahoma	clear	58	32	.0
Palestine	clear	60	38	.0
Pittsburg	clear	34	30	.0
Raleigh	clear	42	28	.0
Savannah	clear	44	30	.06
Shreveport	cldy	60	38	.0
St. Louis	cldy	48	32	.0
Washing'n	clear	34	24	.0

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 21. — Hogs—Weak. Bulk, 6.15@6.60; light, 5.85@6.50; mixed, 6.10@6.75; heavy, 6.25@6.80; rough, 6.20@6.35; pigs, 4.50@5.70.

Cattle—Weak. Native beef steers, 5.80@10.50. Cows and heifers, 2.80@8.30; calves, 6.25@9.50.

Sheep—Weak Wethers, 6.00@6.75; ewes, 4.80@6.25; lambs, 6.75@9.60.

TOBACCO MEN ARE HAPPY.

Sale of the Leaf at Wilson Breaks All Previous Records.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 21.—Wilson is breaking all records with leaf tobacco sales this season. To date, and the market is closed for the holidays, the total sales are 31,249,664 pounds, an advance over the entire sales for last season of 294,744. The increase over the sales to this date last season is 4,828,637. The tobacco men are happy.

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Lv. Whiteville .....7:35 A. M.
Lv. Lake Waccamaw .....7:57 A. M.
Lv. Bolton .....8:12 A. M.
Ar. WILMINGTON .....9:15 A. M.
Returning.
Lv. WILMINGTON .....6:20 P. M.
Ar. CHADBOURN .....8:15 P. M.
December 23, 24 and 25:
Lv. GOLDSBORO .....10:25 P. M.
Lv. Mount Olive .....11:01 P. M.
Lv. Warsaw .....11:23 P. M.
Lv. Rose Hill .....11:47 P. M.
Lv. Burgaw .....12:27 A. M.
Ar. WILMINGTON ..... 1:15 Night
Returning Dec. 24, 25 and 27.
Lv. WILMINGTON .....3:40 A. M.
Ar. GOLDSBORO .....6:38 A. M.
These trains stop at all stations for passengers on signal or notice to conductor.
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DEPARTURES.	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS.
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10.00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 60. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 51. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 61. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 58. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 59. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent. WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	a2:36 P. M.	a2:25 P. M.	.....
c d2:35 P.M.	.....	.....	c d3:06 P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	c6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
1:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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No. 13—4:00 P. M. THROUGH STEEL SLEEPER BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND ATLANTA — THROUGH PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Train for Lumberton, Maxton, Laurinburg, Charlotte and intermediate points, connecting at Hamlet for all points North, South and West.
No. 19—5:00 A. M.—THROUGH SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE—Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers. Train for Charlotte and intermediate points, connecting at Hamlet for all points North and West.
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most incredible—in the whole operation were two military and one naval wounded.

"I assume that the house will take the earliest opportunity to express its admiration and gratitude to General Monro for carrying out these difficult operations; while other officers deserving special praise are General Birdwood and Admiral Wemyss, the latter supervising the naval operations.

"It is most gratifying to know that these splendid troops were embarked to a new destination without the loss of a single life and after a short and much needed rest they will be ready—and I am sure also—to resume their gallant career."

Government's War Policy.

Summing up the government's war policy Mr. Asquith said:

"In order to win the war, we want an adequate supply of trained men to re-inforce and augment the army in the field. We want next an ever growing supply of munitions. We want further such a stewardship of the economic resources of the country as will enable us to lift and carry the financial burden which we are called upon to bear in behalf of ourselves and our allies.

"Finally, what perhaps is as important as anything, we want to counteract the advantage the enemy has over us in a single direction by greater unity and concerted strategical control among the allies. The staff conferences inaugurated in Paris a fortnight ago will mean a greater concentration of purpose, co-ordination of plan, economy of energy and effectiveness of action."

To Fight Conscription.

James Parker, labor member, speaking in behalf of the laborites, declared: "We are prepared to fight against conscription as hard as we have fought to get men into the army under the voluntary system."

Several of the members declared for conscription.

Replying to Sir Edward Carson's complaint that the government had failed to give out adequate news of the Gallipoli operations and his remark that "now the government hurls the withdrawal from two fronts at the nation as if it were a kind of victory," H. J. Tennant, parliamentary secretary of the war office, deplored the language used by Sir Edward Carson and dtclared that the latter's representation of the government as dilly-dallying in Gallipoli was not a truthful representation of the facts. Continuing, in reply to various members who had expressed the fear that the government, in asking for a larger army, was not taking into account the economic needs of the country, Mr. Tennant said:

"The reason the government is asking for this additional million men is that they are necessary to fill the gaps and have a large enough army in the fiel dto win the war. The government is fully alive to the importance of maintaining our industries and safeguarding our financial position. The premier has indicated, however, that if certain conditions are not fulfilled relative to recruiting the government might be forced to ask for additional powers."

"What's the Use?"—Dillon.

Replying to Premier Asquith's speech, John Dillon said:

"Before we sanction the fourth million of men we ought to be told what is the basis of the government's demand. In no case have the failures of the war been to the lack of men and before the government enforces conscription the men responsible for these failures must be removed.

"What is the use of sending more troops to be led by men like those responsible for the Suvla Bay and Anzac failures?"

"Scandal" Says Redmond.

John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, said that the House learned with deepest thankfulness how magnificently the situation had been handled by General Monro and the admiral in charge at the Dardanelles. He complained, however, that no details of the Gallipoli operations had yet been received from General Sir Ian Hamilton (formerly in command) and characterized it as a scandal. He added that unfortunately he was in possession of information which pointed to the fact that the whole truth could not be advantageously published.

Mr. Asquith interjected:

"The government have only just received Ian Hamilton's dispatch."

Mr. Redmond, continuing, said he believed the figures in connection with Lord Derby's recruiting scheme should show an extraordinary demonstration of enthusiasm and determination on the part of practically the whole people of Great Britain, the moral effect of which must be felt throughout the world.

"I will stick at nothing calculated to bring the war to a successful conclusion," he said, "and I am certain that that is the view of the Irish people.

Opposes Compulsion.

"That view has been emphasized on the battlefields by her sons in every theatre of the war. But I am not convinced that compulsion is necessary or calculated to lead to that result, and, if this is proposed under the present conditions and circumstances, I, for one, will oppose it by every means in my power. I am convinced that it would break up the unity of the country and that it would be fiercely resented and opposed, while in point of numbers its results would be ridiculously small."

Mr. Reamond, turning in the direction of Premier Asquith, served formal notice that the Irish party under existing circumstances was opposed to anything of the kind, and he sincerely hoped that in the interest of the country and of the speedy and successful termination of the war the government would make no such proposal.

REPORTS CONFLICT AS TO WITHDRAWAL

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the war until our enemies see that any further prolongation merely causes humanity useless suffering without bringing them a hair's breadth nearer their goal.

"The events of nearly a year and a half in the various arenas of the war has given the situation a definitenes. Already our enemies can know we cannot accept the object of their attack and that our victory will create a guarantee for our security but by no means involve encroaciments upon the existence upon the other great powers of Europe a victory over us would do. Today any further prolongation of the war by them means a perfectly useless bloodshed, while it means for us also the shedding of precious blood. Still, it cannot be doubted that it means far greater sacrifices for the losing side, for it must bear, at least, a part of the winners' losses. Every further drop of bloodshed in this terrible struggle of nations will be shed in vain, and the cry to Heaven for the responsibility therefor must be borne by those who conjured up the war from selfish motives and lust of conquest concealed behind hypocritical phrases, and who now refuse to stop it."

FORD PARTY IS MAKING N OHEADWAY IN EUROPE

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will seek to induce them to cease turning out equipment for armies."

Ford Pleased With Reception.

Christiania, via London, Dec. 21.—Henry Ford, who is greatly improved from his indisposition, said today that the peace expedition will depart for Stockholm on Thursday morning. Mr. Ford said he was much gratified with the reception of his plan in Norway. It is announced today that Mr. Ford had ordered that arrangements made at The Hague for caring for the peace party's arrival there two weeks hence.

A donation of $10,000 has been made by Mr. Ford to the Christiania Students Society for a new building. In making the donation Mr. Ford announced that he believed the students were doing much to promote world peace.

London, Dec. 21—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from The Hague says: "The foreign ministry announces that the Netherlands government has sent a protest to the British government against the seizure of Dutch mail bags on the steamers Noordam, Frisia and Rotterdam and demanded an immediate return of the mail. The hope was expressed in the protest that the incident would not be repeated.

Christmas Slippers, just received at Peterson & Rulfs. de 21-3t
(Advertisement.)

PROMOTION AWAITS CAPTORS OF VILLA; WANTED EVEN DEAD

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East, apparently intending to go to Cuba, has caused officials to cling To the belief that the missing leader soon will appear on the American side of the boundary.

No word has been received that General Rodriguez, who recently has been Villa's strongest leader and who has been operating in Sonora near the Chihuahua state line, is a party to the surrender of Villa forces under the agreement announced at Juarez yesterday. Government officials realize that with Rodriguez in the field that there would remain an outlaw force of sufficient numbers to be a menace to rural order, but don't think he could be strong enough to offer a military problem.

Advices to the Mexican embassy today showed Carranza still at Saltillo.

It is regarded as probable that the developments in the north will hasten his return to Mexico City and that his itinerary that had been planned to include Guadalajara may be shortened.

LARGE HONEYMOON PARTY HAS GATHERED AT HOT SPRINGS.

President Works, Walks and Rides in Virginia Mountains.

Hot Springs, Va., December 21.—Quite a large honeymoon party has gathered here since the arrival of President Wilson and his bride Sunday, and they all are planning to stay over for the elaborate Christmas celebration, in which the White House couple are expected to participate.

A long walk in the cold Virginia mountain air and a 50-mile automobile drive to neighboring springs occupied the President and Mrs. Wilson most of today.

They stopped during the drive at a famous old hotel to see registers signed by Thomas Jefferson and other notable figures in American history. Later in the afternoon the President worked for more than an hour on correspondence, and tonight Mrs. Wilson read to him from the store of books brought along from Washington.

Secret service men were busy again today warding off photographers and moving picture men who continue on the alert in spite of the President's order against them.

THINKS PROHIBITION WAVE HAS REACHED ITS CREST.

President Gilmore, of National Model License League, Speaks.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 21.—"The prohibition wave, like any other wave, must topple at its crest," said T. M. Gilmore, president, in making his report at the annual meeting of the National Model License League here today. "The crest was reached when a genuine prohibition bill became operative in Arizona this year. As soon as the effects of this drastic measure began to be felt the units of the prohibition wave began falling over each other in a wild effort to get back into normal conditions.

"Prohibitionists of Arizona are appealing to the courts for a nullification of the law and to prospective law-makers for its re-submission. The plea is made that the voters thought they were voting for such laws as prevail in Maine and Kansas and other prohibition states, wherein everybody may lawfully obtain liquors for any purpose desired."

SAFE AND WELL AT MONISTIR.

American Reported Held by Bulgarians Not in Danger, is Report.

Saloniki, Dec. 20; via Paris, Dec. 21.—Dr. Henry Forbes, of Boston; Mrs. Walter Farwell, a Chicago newspaper correspondent, and Miss Mitchell are safe and well at Monastir.

Saloniki dispatches received yesterday said that Dr. Forbes and Mrs. Farwell were being held in Monastor by the Bulgarians, who had torn dorn the American fing from the Red Cross hospital of which Dr. Forbes is in charge and seized flour which the Red Cross was distributing to civilians.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The chamber of deputies today heard numerous criticisms of the supply department of the army, of the military mail service and of the manner of giving leaves of absence to soldiers at the front.

SLAYER OF F. W. HINMAN IS GRANTED ANOTHER HEARING

Boston Man, Under Sentence for Killing Newspaper Man at Sea.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21.—The United States court of Appeals granted a rehearing in the case of George B. Perkins, of Boston, Mass., who on November 11, 1914, shot and killed F. W. Hinman, a widely known newspaper man of Florida, while a passenger on the Clyde liner Mohawk plying between Boston and Charlestom S. C. Perkins is under sentence of three years imprisonment imposed by the district court at Charleston. The case now goes back to that court for another trial. The defense in the district court was based on a plea that Perkins had been drinking heavily, and had taken an overdose of a drug which had caused insanity. The court held that insanity must proceed from disease of the mind or other natural cause and the evidence presented had not proved the existence of delirium tremens. Judge Woods, delivering the opinion in the United States Circuit Court, held that the lower court's instructions as to delirium tremens had been prejudiced and erroneous and that the defendant might have become insane from the long use of alcohol or drugs.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 21.—F. W. R. Hinman, who was business manager of the Jacksonville, Fla., Times-Union, was shot while standing on the deck of the Mohawk talking with Mrs. Hinman and Captain Ingram, master of the steamer. Perkins, apparently under the influence of a narcotic, appeared in a night robe and opened fire upon the party with a revolver without warning. The first bullet struck Captain Ingram in the abdomen and seriously wounded him. Mr. Hinman fell before the second bullet, while a third slightly wounded C. L. Wright, of Utica, N. Y., another passenger. Perkins then tried to shoot himself but was restrained and taken to his cabin under guard.

When the Mohawk arrived here some hours later the police were called and they found Perkins asleep. He professed ignorance of the shooting and was sent to a hospital. Later he was taken to Columbia for trial in the Federal court there, the shooting having occurred on the high seas outside of the jurisdiction of the state courts.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 21. — George B. Perkins, of Boston, has been out on bail since shortly after he was convited in Federal District Court here last January of manslaughter in connection with the killing of F. W. R. Hinman, of Jacksonville, Fla. Bail was granted when Perkins appealed for a new trial, which was granted in Richmond today.

MAILS EN ROUTE TO AMERICA REMOVED FROM SHIP BY BRITISH

Swedish Steamer Stockholm Released From Kirkwall After Seizure.

London, Dec. 21.—The Swedish steamship Stockholm, recently taken into Kirkwall by the British authorities while bound from Gothenburg for New York, was released after some of her mails had been removed. This is the first case of the removal of mails from a vessel en route from Sweden to the United States.

Official circles here have no information with regard to the announcement that the American Secretary of State has asked the British government for an explanation of the charges contained in a protest by Sweden to the State Department against British interference with Swedish-American mails.

The Danish liner United States, from which it is also reported mail were taken, has been allowed to proceed on her voyage from Glasgow to New York.

PROBABLY 100,000 SOLDIERS TO GO HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Americans in French Army Coming Home for the Holidays.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Probably 100,000 men from the front will spend Christmas with their families. The military administration has been given leaves and soldiers are allowed six days at home, not counting the time for going and coming. Formerly the period was four days. The American aviators, Lieut. William K. Thaw, of Pittsburg; Sergt. Norman Prince, of Boston, and Sergt. Elliott C. Cowdin, of New York, have been allowed eight days in America, exclusive of the time for the voyage. They are on board the steamer Rotterdam.

GENERAL DE WET RELEASED.

Many High Treason Prisoners Allowed to Go on Payment of Fines.

London, Dec. 21.—General Christian de Wet, one of the leaders of the South African rebellion against the British government in 1914, who was convicted of treason at Bloemfontein, Union of South Africa, last June, has been released from prison as have 118 other high treason prisoners, according to a dispatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Johannesburg. The prisoners were allowed to go on payment of their fines and on condition that they abstain from participation in politics.

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The Welland Canal.

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